

**MIDTERM TEST 1 - GRADE 10 - FORM 2025**

*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. bottle                      B. cotton                      C. potato                      D. cock

**Question 2:** A. weather                      B. warmth                      C. than                      D. thorough

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

**Question 3:** A. decision                      B. dilution                      C. compartment                      D. applicant

**Question 4:** A. celebrate                      B. manipulate                      C. initiate                      D. eliminate

*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:** Look! That girl is very attractive. - Yeah, she \_\_\_\_\_ me of an old friend of mine.

A. remind                      B. reminds                      C. is reminding                      D. will remind

**Question 6:** Acupuncture is part of traditional Chinese medicine(TCM) and \_\_\_\_\_ in China for thousands of years.

A. has using                      B. have used                      C. has been using                      D. has been used

**Question 7:** We're surprised to hear that his musical talent was \_\_\_\_\_ by their loving parents when he was a child.

A. abandoned                      B. limited                      C. fostered                      D. restricted

**Question 8:** Environmentalists are keen to \_\_\_\_\_ us to dispose of rubbish and waste in more environmentally-friendly ways.

A. assure                      B. promise                      C. persuade                      D. plead

**Question 9:** Your grades are coming down. You should try to \_\_\_\_\_ the other students in your class.

A. come up with                      B. keep up with                      C. get along with                      D. get in touch with

**Read the following advertisement/announcement and 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 10 to 15.**

**DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSEUMS?**

Would you like a holiday job where you could meet people from all over (10) \_\_\_\_\_ world?

We are looking (11) \_\_\_\_\_ someone to work in the City Museum shop during the holidays.

No experience is necessary but you must be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful and have some interest in art.

Contact Mrs Lois Griffin at the City Museum.

**Question 10:** A. the                      B. a                      C. an                      D. Ø(no article)

**Question 11:** A. to                      B. with                      C. about                      D. for

**Question 12:** A. friend                      B. friendship                      C. friendly                      D. friendliness

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The School Athletics Department is pleased to announce:

- All athletes (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to report at the school field by 08:00 AM on June 10.
- Each team must prepare and submit their entry list for each event. Each athlete is allowed to participate in a maximum of three events.
- The school will (14) \_\_\_\_\_ trophies and medals for the winners in each category.
- (15) \_\_\_\_\_ you have any inquiries regarding the event schedule or rules, please contact the Athletics Department.

**Question 13:** A. expect                      B. are expected                      C. are expecting                      D. have expected

**Question 14:** A. conduct                      B. execute                      C. distribute                      D. organize

**Question 15:** A. Do                      B. Had                      C. Were                      D. If

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.**

**Question 16:**

- a. Thirdly, the government needs to have policies to prioritize women, so that they have better chances to develop their ability, and better conditions to contribute more to the society, and to compete equally with men.
- b. Dear Horten, I hope you've been doing well! I've been thinking of several ways to improve gender equality and give women better chances to develop their ability.
- c. Finally, more jobs should be made available to women so that they will have better conditions to develop themselves to be equal to men.
- d. Firstly, the importance and roles of women should be propagated to the development of society.
- e. Secondly, education system should do more to improve the knowledge of people about women, and to eliminate the prejudice of neglecting women and their value.
- f. Lots of love.

A. b-a-d-e-c-f                      B. b-d-e-a-c-f                      C. b-c-a-e-d-f                      D. b-e-d-a-c-f

**Question 17:**

- a. I understand that ensuring the comfort and safety of students and staff is a priority for the school.
- a. I am writing to bring to your attention a concerning issue regarding the lack of air conditioning in classroom of 10A4.
- c. The absence of adequate cooling not only affects our concentration but also poses health risks, especially during warmer weather conditions.
- d. As the temperatures continue to rise, it has become increasingly uncomfortable and difficult for both students and teachers to focus and perform effectively in the learning environment.
- e. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to a resolution soon.



f. Therefore, I kindly request your prompt attention to this matter. Implementing a solution, such as repairing the existing air conditioning system or providing temporary cooling measures, would greatly alleviate the discomfort experienced by everyone in the affected area.

A. d-b-a-c-f-e

B. b-d-e-a-c-f

C. b-d-c-a-f-e

D. b-d-a-c-f-e

**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.**

Video games are one of the most popular things to do for fun around the world, but studies that look into their effects on players, both good and bad, are often seen as unimportant.

One creative way (18)\_\_\_\_\_ health care is to help people deal with pain. Because of how much focus is needed to play such a game, (19)\_\_\_\_\_ of the pain. This has been reported and tested with pediatric patients. Many different types of people use video games as a form of physical or occupational therapy. These kinds of games take the focus off of possible pain, and unlike more traditional therapeutic activities, they don't require the person (20)\_\_\_\_\_ that can be painful.

Long-term follow-up and strong randomized controlled trials of these kinds of interventions have not been done, though. It's also not clear if patients get tired of these games over time. Also, because there haven't been any controlled trials comparing video games to other distractions, it's not clear if the effect of games on distractions depends (21)\_\_\_\_\_ or if the content of games is also important. More research needs to be done to look at things like how new a game is, what users like, and how challenging it is compared to (22)\_\_\_\_\_.

For the most part, there isn't much evidence that moderate play has serious acute negative effects. This is because playing video games is very common among kids and teens in industrialized countries. When bad effects do happen, they are usually pretty minor and only last for a short time. They go away (23)\_\_\_\_\_ when you play less often. There needs to be more research on too much play and a clearer definition of what too much play is. It would also be good to look at how video game addiction changes over time.

**Question 18:**

A. which video games are used in

B. that video games are used in

C. when video games are used in

D. where video games are used in

**Question 19:**

A. be can take the player's mind off

B. be taken the player's mind off

C. it can take the player's mind off

D. this can take the player's mind off

**Question 20:**

A. be moved them limbs in ways

B. moving their limbs in ways

C. moves them limbs in ways

D. to move their limbs in ways

**Question 21:**

A. only on focusing on an interactive task

B. just to focusing on an interactive task

C. quite with focusing to an interactive task

D. to focusing on an interactive task

**Question 22:**

A. others activities that might be distracted.

B. the others activities that might be distract.

C. another activities that might be distracts.

D. other activities that might be distracting.

**Question 23:**

A. on their own

B. on his own

C. on her own

D. on our own

**Read the following passage and 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.**

Despite the amazing progress in technology, (24)\_\_\_\_\_parts of our daily lives don't seem to have changed much. Transportation is a great example of this. Even in 2020, there are still cars on the roads, even though people have thought of flying cars for much longer than that. (25)\_\_\_\_\_dreams do come true, the Hyperloop is a living example of the idea of transportation in the future. Our idea came from Elon Musk, CEO of the space company SpaceX and a famous businessman. Musk's Hyperloop is made up (26)\_\_\_\_\_two huge tubes that connect Los Angeles to San Francisco. Up to 700 mph (1127 km/h) pods carrying people would speed through these tubes. They would hold a low-pressure environment (27)\_\_\_\_\_would surround the pod with a cushion of air that lets it move safely at such high speeds, like an air hockey puck sliding over a table. (28)\_\_\_\_\_solar panels on the roof of the Hyperloop tubes would make the system clean and self-sufficient.

**Question 24:**A. much

B. each

C. some

D. many

**Question 25:**A. Although

B. Because

C. Despite

D. However

**Question 26:**A. to

B. of

C. for

D. with

**Question 27:**A. that

B. who

C. which

D. whom

**Question 28:**A. Requiring

B. Demanding

C. Absorbing

D. Installing

**Read the following passage and 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 29 to 33.**

Wolves were the original ancestors of dogs. You might mistake a wolf for a dog, but they're much larger. On top of that, they're pretty scary. Some wolves evolved into different species at some point. The smaller and kinder ones were among **them**. The first dogs were these kinder wolves. When or why this



occurred is a mystery. It may have occurred organically more than 50,000 years ago, according to some. Still others place the human handiwork of 15,000 to 50,000 years ago.

Regardless of their origin, the practicality of dogs was immediately recognized. Human geneticists and paleontologists agree that dogs and humans first crossed paths in the Middle East some 13,000 years ago. It wasn't long before dogs made their way to North America from Asia, Africa, and Europe. Hunting and traveling were likely the primary uses of these dogs. In addition, They were also good **companions**. The ancient Egyptians valued dogs highly. Not only did the Egyptians rely on dogs for hunting, but they also used them as guards and fighters. To them, a dog represented the deity responsible for protecting hell. Dogs were also given names by the ancient Egyptians. Names like "Brave One," "Reliable," "North-wind," "Blacky," and "Useless" were common. The ancient Romans also used dogs as a weapon. Dogs were utilized by the Roman army across Europe. The dogs served as messengers at times and as attack dogs at others.

These days, you can find dogs of all shapes and sizes. What gives them their wolf heritage? Various theories have been put forward. Canidae is a family of dogs, but some scientists think that dogs actually have ancestry from other animals. The jackals, coyotes, and foxes fall into this category. The majority of scientists also think that the variation was shaped by natural selection and evolution. In subsequent epochs, dog breeders sought out dogs that people liked and crossed them to create new varieties. This is how people are still facilitating the emergence of new breeds in the modern era!

**Question 29:** Which of the following best states the main idea of the reading?

- A. No one knows for sure where dogs first appeared with humans.
- B. There are two theories about the evolution of dogs.
- C. Evolution and breeding have made dogs what they are today.
- D. Human beings used dogs for many jobs, so dogs are the first tame animals.

**Question 30:** The word “**them**” in the first paragraph refers to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. people
- B. years
- C. dogs
- D. wolves

**Question 31:** According to some scientists, when did the first tame dogs appear with humans?

- A. About 15,000 years ago
- B. Between 15,000 and 50,000 years ago
- C. Over 50.000 years ago
- D. About 13,000 years ago

**Question 32:** The word “**companions**” in paragraph 2 is closet in meaning to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. messengers
- B. traveling friends
- C. co-workers
- D. hunting animals

**Question 33:** According to the reading, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Most people like to name their dogs Reliable, Blacky, and Useless.
- B. The Roman always used dogs as messengers.
- C. The first tame dogs appeared in ancient Egypt.
- D. According to some studies, dogs mixed with coyotes and jackals.

**Read the following passage and 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 34 to 40**

Most of the time, the Hawaiian Islands make us think of a busy tourist spot with white sand beaches and palm trees. On one of the farthest northern islands, though, there aren't any guests or vacation activities. Niihau Island has a volcano that is no longer active, a fragile swamp, and lush woods. There are also many rare animals that live there, like the Hawaiian monk seal. The Robinson family bought the island from the King of Hawaii in 1864 with the promise that they would protect the original Hawaiian culture and language by living there. To keep this promise, the family started to curb the number of people who could visit the island over time. Today, you can only talk to the original Niihauans on the island if they invite you. Because of this, the locals didn't know much about the rest of the world until lately.

The main town of the island looks like it has been frozen in time when you walk through **it**. There aren't any cars, stores, bars, or cops. Horses and bicycles are the only ways to get around. There is no electricity, running water, or phone lines. The 130 people who live there **permanently** are all native Hawaiians and speak Hawaiian as their first language. They fish and farm for a living and don't pay rent. People who live on the other Hawaiian islands have very different ways of life.

The kids in Niihau don't have TVs or electronics like other kids, but they go to a small school that gets all of its power from the sun. The school is one of only a few in the US that gets all of its power from the sun. Hawaiian traditions and ideals about living off the land and ocean are taught at the school. At the same time, the kids can learn how to use computers and meet with people from other places.

People from other places can connect with Niihau by buying the islanders' items, like jewelry made from shells. In other places, you can buy these things. Few people are able to visit this **banned** land, but tourists are still interested in its secrets.

**Question 34:** What is the best title of the text?

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. A Tourist Attraction | B. The Niihauans' Lifestyle    |
| C. A Forbidden Island   | D. Education on Hawaii Islands |

**Question 35:** The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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|--------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| A. main town | B. island | C. The Robinson family | D. volcano |
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**Question 36:** Tourists are not allowed to visit Niihau because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the natives are afraid that visitors will destroy the island
- B. the owners of the island didn't like outsiders
- C. the King wanted to protect the island's sensitive ecosystem
- D. the owners promised to preserve native Hawaiian culture and language alive

**Question 37:** The word "**permanently**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. successfully | B. spontaneously | C. uncertainly | D. continuously |
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**Question 38:** The word "**banned**" in the last paragraph is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. licit | B. effective | C. sensitive | D. different |
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**Question 39:** According to the text, which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** about the text?



- A. Visitors can buy the Niihauans' handicrafts in other islands.
- B. Various endangered species can be found on the island of Niihau.
- C. Horses and bikes are the sole means of transportation available.
- D. The native Niihauans' way of life is similar to inhabitants on the other Hawaiian Islands.

**Question 40:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Children of Niihau are equipped with modern electronic devices for schooling.
- B. Education on the island tries to balance tradition with technology.
- C. A small school in Niihau Island uses various renewable energy sources for electricity
- D. At no time do students have a chance to communicate with the rest of the world.

### MIDTERM TEST 2 - GRADE 10 - FORM 2025

*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. honor                      B. popular                      C. domestic                      D. cough

**Question 2:** A. caption                      B. celebration                      C. nature                      D. nation

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

**Question 3:** A. omen                      B. purpose                      C. century                      D. result

**Question 4:** A. mmilitary                      B. biography                      C. equivalent                      D. petroleum

*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:** It's 7:30 p.m. now and we \_\_\_\_ meal together. We usually \_\_\_\_ dinner at that time.

- A. have - eat                      B. have - are eating                      C. are having - eat                      D. are having - are eating

**Question 6:** The acupuncturist decides which and how many needles will \_\_\_\_.

- A. be use                      B. be used                      C. use                      D. used

**Question 7:** We were asked to show some identification before the security guards would \_\_\_\_\_ us in.

- A. authorize                      B. let                      C. leave                      D. call

**Question 8:** In the 20th century, most of the \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes to remarriage are changing.

- A. contemporary                      B. latest                      C. conventional                      D. permanent

**Question 9:** Those flowers are \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere is a sign of spring.

- A. going over                      B. taking over                      C. coming out                      D. breaking out

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**Question 10:**A. into

B. about

C. with

D. to

**Question 11:**A. illustrated

B. customized

C. demonstrated

D. exhibited

**Question 12:**A. percent

B. sales

C. deal

D. rate

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOINING THE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB!**

- We are delighted to announce the establishment of our Women's Football Club.
- Tryouts (13) \_\_\_\_\_ for January 21st at our school stadium, where players of all skill levels are welcomed.
- (14) \_\_\_\_\_ you be unable to attend on the specified date, alternative arrangements can be made upon request.
- For further details and registration, please contact 849-004-8965 at womenfootball@DTA.com. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the team, where your soccer passion (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to life!

**Question 13:**A. schedule

B. scheduling

C. are scheduled

D. have scheduled

**Question 14:**A. Should

B. Were

C. Had

D. Do

**Question 15:**A. leads

B. comes

C. takes

D. casts

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.**

**Question 16:**

- a. Greetings from Vietnam! At the weekend, Paul and I went to one of the oldest cities in Vietnam called Hội An.
- b. The next morning, we went to a sandy beach near the city and had a relaxing swim.
- c. We first walked around the charming streets of the old town.
- d. Our visit to Hội An was so wonderful that we did not want to leave.
- e. In the afternoon, we visited a picturesque village called Trà Quế, where we took a cooking class and learned how to make some local dishes.
- f. Dear Evageline,

A. f-b-d-e-a-c

B. f-d-b-a-c-e

C. f-a-c-b-e-d

D. d-b-a-c-f-e

**Question 17:**

- a. Last year, I gained valuable experience working part-time at a local computer repair centre, and I also spent six months as a tech support trainee at a major IT firm.
- b. I am writing to apply for the IT support technician position advertised in the local newspaper on Tuesday 5th July.
- c. I am very adaptable, reliable and excellent at multitasking, and I have strong communication skills and natural problem-solving abilities.
- d. I have a bachelor's degree in IT from the University of Leeds, and I have recently completed a master's in IT management.
- e. I have attached a copy of my CV to this letter for your review.
- f. If you have any questions about me, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

A. b-d-a-c-e-f

B. e-f-b-d-a-c

C. b-d-f-a-c-e

D. f-b-e-c-d-a



**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.**

Equality between men and women is not only a basic human right, but also a key part of making the world safe, wealthy, and long-lasting. (18)\_\_\_\_\_ make up about half of the world's population. One in five women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49 have said they have been physically or sexually abused by a partner in the past year. Sadly, 49 countries do not have rules that protect women from domestic violence. This kind of violence against women and girls doesn't just hurt them personally; it lowers (19)\_\_\_\_\_ and makes it harder for them to be involved in society. People (20)\_\_\_\_\_ practices like child marriage and female genital (21)\_\_\_\_\_, but there is still a lot of work to be done to get rid (22)\_\_\_\_\_.

Equal rights for women and girls in terms of education, health care, good work, and participation in political and economic decision-making will help countries grow and benefit people all over the world. To end the gender-based abuse that happens in many countries around the world, new laws (23)\_\_\_\_\_ about equal rights for women at work and the end of harmful practices that target women.

**Question 18:**

- A. It thinks that women and girls
- B. It was thinking that women and girls
- C. Be thought that women and girls
- D. It is thought that women and girls

**Question 19:**

- A. his quality of life
- B. them quality of life
- C. their quality of life
- D. our quality of life

**Question 20:**

- A. who are affected by damaging
- B. that are affected by damaging
- C. whom are affected by damaging
- D. whose are affected by damaging

**Question 21:**

- A. to cut are making progress
- B. to cutting are making progress
- C. cutting are making progress
- D. be cut making progress

**Question 22:**

- A. to these things.
- B. with these things.
- C. for these things.

D. of these things.

**Question 23:**

- A. needed to make
- B. need to be made
- C. to need be made
- D. needing to be made

**Read the following passage and 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.**

When it comes to (24)\_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the festive job surge, college students are in an ideal position to flourish. It is possible to work flexible hours because the majority of holiday jobs are in the retail industry. When the amount of work you have to do at school begins to decrease, you will have the opportunity to pick up additional hours and earn more money. (25)\_\_\_\_\_ this, those who are looking for holiday work stand to benefit (26)\_\_\_\_\_ the competition among retailers. The compensation, perks, and possibilities for overtime that they provide are often superior. Temporary seasonal employment is (27)\_\_\_\_\_ option for you to consider if you want to get your foot in the door with a company that you might be able to work with on a (28)\_\_\_\_\_ basis once you return to school.

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| <b>Question 24:</b> | A. making      | B. bringing   | C. taking      | D. holding   |
| <b>Question 25:</b> | A. In spite of | B. However    | C. Because     | D. Moreover  |
| <b>Question 26:</b> | A. about       | B. from       | C. with        | D. to        |
| <b>Question 27:</b> | A. others      | B. other      | C. the other   | D. another   |
| <b>Question 28:</b> | A. regular     | B. particular | C. dictatorial | D. permanent |

**Read the following passage and 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 29 to 33.**

A food reviewer is a paid writer who writes about the food they try. People who do this job may also be known as food writers or restaurant reviewers. Food reviewers usually write about what they eat after going to different places and ordering different kinds of food. Some people write about food for websites, blogs, newspapers, and magazines. But not all jobs in this field pay well, or at all. Food writers who are just starting out might send in reviews for free at first just to get their name on the paper and show that **they** have written something. Some people become food reviewers by writing about the food they eat and where they eat on social media.

They can try new foods anywhere in the world. A few of these **experts** have their own TV shows. People who know a lot about food can also write books about it. There aren't many paid openings for this highly sought-after job. People who want this job will have to work hard and spend a lot of time on it.

**Here are the levels of pay for each job:**

- \$36 an hour for a journalist
- \$41,869 a year for a reporter
- Writing staff: \$38,716 a year



Content writers make \$17.54 an hour.

Pay ranges from \$7.25 to \$74.45 an hour.

Food writing is a pretty small area, so not much is known about how much food writers make. News reporters, staff writers, and content writers, whose jobs are a lot like food reviews, can find information here. A lot of people who review food don't always write about it. They look at places for a living and write about other things when they're not rating restaurants.

**Question 29:** What can be the title of the passage?

- A. How Food Critic Organizes Their Work
- B. The World of Food Reviewing: Careers, Challenges, and Pay.
- C. Food Critic- A Highly Stressful Job
- D. Being a Food Critic Changes Lives

**Question 30:** The word “**they**” in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. newspapers
- B. restaurant
- C. food writers
- D. social media

**Question 31:** The word “**expert**” in paragraph 2 is closet in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. origin
- B. authority
- C. fortunately
- D. delicate

**Question 32:** According to the passage, all are true EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The salary range for food critics is not specified.
- B. Food critics earn higher salaries than journalists and content writers.
- C. Some food critics may not receive any payment for their work.
- D. Food critics often work as full-time journalists or reporters to supplement their income.

**Question 33:** What can be inferred about the number of full-time positions available for food critics?

- A. There is a high demand for full-time food critics.
- B. Most food critics prefer to work part-time.
- C. Full-time food critic jobs are highly competitive.
- D. Getting a bachelor's degree surely make you sought-after.

**Read the following passage and 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 34 to 40**

A baby born today will live for how long? 100 years? 120 years? Genes that could make us all live longer are being studied by scientists.

100 years old is already an important milestone for a **huge** number of people. They are called "welllderly" because there are so many healthy older people. Not having a big sickness like high blood pressure, heart disease, or diabetes makes this group of people over 80 years old.

In places where good old age is common, there are a lot of research studies. The island of Okinawa in Japan and Calabria in the south of Italy are two examples. About 2,000 people are living in the small village of Molochio in Calabria. Plus, at least eight of them are over 100 years old. "I eat a lot of fruit and vegetables" is the answer that experts always get from people like this when they are asked how they stay so healthy and young. "Something from every food group." "I don't drink or smoke."

Today, experts are also looking at genes to try to figure out why some people live so long. In the past, they only looked at things like food and lifestyle. Eric Topol, a researcher, says that we must have genes that keep us from getting old. People who share a DNA link were looked at in the new study on living a long time. Living in Ecuador is a cool group. There are several people in one part of the country who all have the same genetic situation. Laron disease is the name for **it**. Not very tall—just over a meter—these guys get. They are also less likely to get cancer and diabetes because they have Laron syndrome. Their family members live shorter lives because of this. Additionally, there is a group of long-living Japanese-American guys on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. In the Laron syndrome group, they share a gene.

The family trees of the 100-year-old people were made by researchers back in Calabria. Family records from the 1800s to the present day were looked at. To sum up, DNA factors that are good for men's health have been found. Most of the time, women in Europe live longer than men, so this finding is **strange**. Why do some people live longer? Probably a third factor—luck—comes into play along with genes and the surroundings.

**Question 34:** Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- A. The Secrets of A Long And Healthy Life
- B. Tips To Increase Life Expectancy
- C. How To Live More Than 100 Years?
- D. Human Lifespan Is Determined by Genetics

**Question 35:** The word “**huge**” in paragraph 2 is closet in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. compatible
- B. advantageous
- C. preferable
- D. numerous

**Question 36:** Which of the following is NOT true about the Laron syndrome?

- A. This syndrome is a health problem for groups of people in Ecuador and Hawaii.
- B. It is the result of a genetic condition.
- C. People diagnosed with this syndrome are prone to diabetes.
- D. Ecuadorians having Laron syndrome are approximately one metre tall.

**Question 37:** The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. heart disease
- B. Laron disease
- C. DNA
- D. genes

**Question 38:** According to paragraph 3, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Scientists have been studying places where only one healthy old person lives
- B. Scientists have been studying places where there is no healthy old person
- C. Scientists have been investigating places where most people live to be a hundred
- D. Scientists have conducted many studies of places where healthy old age is normal

**Question 39:** The word “**strange**” in the last paragraph is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. basic
- B. common
- C. integral
- D. positive

**Question 40:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Different factors lead to a healthy old age.
- B. More European men live to a healthy old age than women.



**C.** In the past, more people lived to a healthy old age.

**D.** We will all live to at least 100 years.