

Question 1.

- a. We need to change how we live and work, because small actions like using less energy and planting trees can help, even though the problem is very big.
b. Farmers face challenges because growing seasons are changing, and they must learn new ways to grow food when rain patterns are not the same as before.
c. Animals and plants are moving to cooler places when their homes become too hot, but some species cannot move fast enough to survive.
d. Some people who live near oceans worry about rising water, which might force them to move to new homes in the future.
e. Our world is getting warmer, and we can see changes in weather that affect how we live every day.

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

Question 2.

- a. Mai: Would you prefer Korean kimchi or Japanese sushi?
b. Mai: Sure! There's a fantastic sushi bar downtown. I'll take you there sometime.
c. Tuan: I'd choose Japanese sushi. Do you know any good restaurants for sushi around here?

A. a - c - b B. b - c - a C. c - a - b D. c - b - a

Question 3.

Dear Stacy,

- a. Greetings from Vietnam! At the weekend, Paul and I went to one of the oldest cities in Viet Nam called Hoi 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 Hoi An was so wonderful that we did not want to leave.
e. In the afternoon, we visited a picturesque village called Tra Que, where we took a cooking class and learned how to make some local dishes.

Yours sincerely, Daisy
A. d-b-a-c-e B. a-c-b-c-d C. b-d-a-c-e D. b-d-e-a-c

Question 4.

- a. Personally, I think that you may be long-term friends with someone who is on the same wavelength as you.
b. I think opposites do attract, but those different qualities that attracted you at first can annoy you later!
c. On the whole, I don't agree with that opinion.
d. I think people choose like-minded friends. That extends to physical appearance - if you have similar tastes, you may appreciate similar clothes and hairstyles.
e. It is sometimes claimed that opposites attract when it comes to friendship.

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

Question 5.

- a. Tom: I couldn't agree more.
b. Mary: Yeah. It's so important to reduce waste.
c. Tom: Let's plan an eco-friendly class party. We could have everyone bring their own reusable plates and cups.
d. Tom: How about instead of balloons, we have paper decorations that can be recycled?
e. Mary: I really love that idea. They are fun but they create a lot of waste.

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

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 6 to 13.

Living an independent life is often considered an **audacious** endeavor, marked by the pursuit of personal freedom and the courage to make one's own choices. It requires an unwavering commitment to self-sufficiency, as individuals navigate the complexities of daily living without relying on others. This path is fraught with challenges, yet it is also incredibly rewarding, allowing for profound personal growth. The journey fosters resilience and adaptability, qualities essential for anyone daring enough to embrace independence.

The main part of an independent life is the important journey of finding out who you are. This exploration of one's identity is not merely an act of rebellion against societal norms; **it** is an opportunity to engage deeply with one's passions, aspirations, and values. **By stepping outside the comfort zone, individuals are able to cultivate a sense of authenticity that is often lost in conventional lifestyles.**

Furthermore, independence fosters an environment ripe for creativity and innovation. Free from external constraints, individuals can experiment with new ideas and solutions, unshackled by the fears of judgment or failure.

Despite the myriad challenges that accompany independent living, such as financial instability and social isolation, the benefits often **outweigh** these drawbacks. Individuals who embrace this lifestyle tend to develop a stronger sense of self and a clearer vision of their goals, as they learn to navigate obstacles with ingenuity and tenacity.

(Adapted from Tuoitrenews)

Question 6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. Living independently is often considered a bold choice.
B. The path to independence is always easy and straightforward.
C. Embracing independence fosters resilience and adaptability.
D. Independence leads to personal freedom and self-sufficiency.

Question 7. The word "**audacious**" in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- Question 8.** The word “it” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
- A. act of rebellion
B. independent life
C. exploration of one’s identity
D. important journey

A. clarify B. exceed C. suffer D. advance

A. Staying in familiar situations provides a sense of security and comfort, which can help people gradually uncover their authentic selves.
B. When people leave their comfort zones, they can develop a true sense of self that is frequently missing in ordinary ways of living.
C. Avoiding challenges allows individuals to maintain a conventional lifestyle, as it enables them to stick to familiar routines.
D. Individuals who remain in their comfort zones typically find that they are able to identify and connect with their true selves.

A. Individuals who embrace independence are less likely to adapt to change.
B. Conventional lifestyles are described as the best path for personal growth.
C. Creativity and innovation thrive in environments free from external constraints.
D. Independence guarantees that individuals will avoid any form of social isolation.

A. Paragraph 4 B. Paragraph 3 C. Paragraph 1 D. Paragraph 2

A. Paragraph 2 **B.** Paragraph 4 **C.** Paragraph 1 **D.** Paragraph 3

Thomas Edison was a pioneering inventor and businessman who grabbed the headlines for (14) _____ contributions to the development of electric light and power systems. He made significant advancements in technology, earning the title of “The Wizard of Menlo Park.” Edison aimed to light up (15) _____ world with his innovative inventions.

Born on February 11, 1847, in Milan, Ohio, Edison was the youngest of seven children. His mother, a former school teacher, educated him at home after he (16) _____ school. After that, (17) _____ his ambitions, he developed a keen interest in science and technology.

Edison's impact on technology and industry is immeasurable. He is often credited with creating the first industrial research laboratory, which (18) _____ how inventions are developed. Today, he is remembered as one of history's greatest inventors, whose work influences others and (19) _____ the future.

Question 14.	A. his	B. her	C. my	D. your
Question 15.	A. the	B. no article	C. an	D. a
Question 16.	A. learned about	B. struggled in	C. succeeded in	D. dropped out of
Question 17.	A. because of	B. on behalf of	C. instead of	D. in case of
Question 18.	A. expanded	B. improved	C. revolutionized	D. maintained
Question 19.	A. develops	B. changes	C. reshapes	D. captivates

On Sunday afternoon, food delivery rider Jim Adams, 18, (20) _____. He'd been struck by a car while riding his bike. Despite his injury, Jim was most concerned about how he would support himself while unable to work. Jim, like many young adults, is a gig worker and was delivering an order when the accident happened.

A 'gig' is a paid piece of work that people do, especially (21) _____. Unlike regular employees, gig workers do not have benefits such as paid sick leave* and a minimum wage*. They have no job security, so their workload, and therefore their pay, is unpredictable. This makes budgeting impossible and means that gig workers can be exploited - when there are bills to pay, any job for any fee will do.

(22) _____, but it's estimated that almost 25 percent of American workers are now employed in the gig economy and this is expected to rise. It's difficult to wrap your head around such a statistic. So what's the attraction? Well, there are plenty of people like Jim - a university student - whose circumstances don't allow them to work normal hours. They're not happy about their lack of rights, but they have no choice but to do this kind of job. Equally, there are students who choose gig work because of the freedom it gives them to make their own decisions about when to wake up, when to work and flow much work to take on. (23)

So is gig work worth it for young people? Well, it's convenient for students trying to balance work and study. It also helps to develop self-discipline* and a work ethic*(24) _____. But there's a danger that, over time, the gig economy will normalize casual work and employment benefits will then become a thing of the past. And if you're injured on the job, like Jim was, bad luck ... help won't be at hand. You'll be on your own.

B. was rushing to hospital despite a suspected broken leg

- C. was rushed to hospital to have a broken leg
D. rushed to hospital after breaking someone's leg

Question 21.

- A. if they were self-employed
C. if they are self-employed

- B. so they are self-employed
D. because they are self-employed

Question 22.

- A. You might think such work conditions would put people under pressure
B. You might think such work conditions would put people off
C. You might think such work conditions would hold people back
D. You might think such work conditions would put people to work

Question 23.

- A. For them, gig work is a great solution
B. For him, gig work is a bad solution
C. For them, gig work is a temporary problem
D. For him, gig work becomes a difficult challenge

Question 24.

- A. which will have no effect on them later in life
B. that will stand in their way later in life
C. which will stand them in good stead later in life
D. that will cause them serious problems later in life

Read the following advertisement 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 25 to 30.

COMMUNITY CORE: REIMAGINE BELONGING

Local initiatives flourish when residents unite in (25) _____ ways! Community Core unveils a(n) (26) _____ that revolutionizes neighborhood dynamics. We celebrate stories (27) _____ communities from isolation to vibrant connection. Our dedicated team remains versed in grassroots development, which fuels our revolutionary approach to building stronger neighborhoods.

The platform enables neighborhoods (28) _____ alive through collaborative projects, from local festivals to sustainability initiatives. The program instructs members to (29) _____ monthly feedback about their experiences, ensuring continuous improvement. (30) _____ our framework, we've witnessed elderly residents finding new purpose, young families creating support networks, and businesses strengthening local economies.

Transform your community today: communitycore.io.

(Adapted from Community Core Guide)

Question 25. A. meaningfully

B. mean

C. meaning

D. meaningful

Question 26.

- A. framework cutting-edge digital
C. framework digital cutting-edge

- B. digital cutting-edge framework
D. cutting-edge digital framework

Question 27.

A. led

B. that are led

C. to lead

D. which lead

Question 28.

A. to come

B. come

C. coming

D. to coming

Question 29.

A. make

B. put

C. submit

D. bring

Question 30.

A. By

B. With

C. On

D. Through

Read the following passage about urbanisation and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 40.

[I] Urbanisation refers to the increasing population shift from rural to urban areas, resulting in the growth of cities and metropolitan regions (Hall, 2014).

[II] This phenomenon is driven by various factors, including economic opportunities, improved living standards, and social amenities available in urban centers. [III] As a result, urbanisation significantly impacts both individuals and communities, leading to a range of benefits and challenges (Davis, 2016). [IV]

One of the primary advantages of urbanisation is the economic growth it fosters. Cities often provide a **plethora** of job opportunities, attracting individuals seeking better employment and higher incomes. In urban areas, businesses flourish due to increased demand for goods and services, leading to enhanced economic productivity. Moreover, urbanisation encourages innovation and technological advancements, as a dense concentration of people often fosters creativity and collaboration (Florida, 2017).

However, urbanisation also presents significant challenges. Rapid population growth in cities can lead to overcrowding, straining public services such as transportation, healthcare, and education. Many urban areas struggle to provide adequate housing, resulting in the **proliferation** of informal settlements and slums. According to the United Nations (2018), nearly one billion people live in slums, lacking access to basic services. **They** also face adverse living conditions. This situation exacerbates social inequality and can lead to increased crime rates and health issues.

To address the challenges of urbanisation, sustainable urban planning is essential. **Governments and urban planners must prioritize creating inclusive, well-connected cities that provide access to essential services for all residents.** Strategies such as developing affordable housing, enhancing public transport systems, and promoting green spaces can help improve the quality of life in urban areas while mitigating the negative impacts of urbanisation (World Bank, 2019).

(Adapted from Urbanization and Its Impact by Hall, Davis, and others)

Question 31. Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

Urban areas offer a wide array of social services that are often unavailable in rural areas.

A. [II]

B. [III]

C. [IV]

D. [I]

Question 32. The word "**plethora**" in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

A. unlimited

B. specific

C. scarcity

D. abundant

