MIDTERM TEST - ENGLISH 10

PART I. WORD STRESS (Questions 1–4)

Choose the word whose primary stress pattern differs from that of the other three.

Question 1.

A. household
B. laundry
C. routine
D. rubbish

Question 2.

A. household
B. improve
C. protect
D. reduce

Question 3.

A. perform
B. talent
C. concert
D. artist

Question 4.

A. musician
B. popular
C. energy
D. festival

PART II. VOCABULARY (Questions 5–12)

Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence.

Question 5. As both parents work full-time, they try to divide household chores equally to maintain a healthy work-life _____.

A. balance
B. routine
C. benefit
D. character

Question 6. My elder brother is responsible for _____ the rubbish before the collection truck arrives.

A. putting out
B. taking after
C. looking up
D. turning off

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Question 7. Doing household chores helps teenagers develop a stronger sense of _____ and become more independent.

A. entertainment
B. responsibility
C. performance
D. awareness

Question 8. Instead of buying bottled water every day, we should use _____ bottles to reduce plastic waste.

A. refillable
B. chemical
C. disposable
D. electrical

Question 9. The school has launched a campaign to raise students' _____ of environmental problems.

A. talent
B. audience
C. awareness
D. routine

Question 10. We should _____ unnecessary electricity consumption by switching off lights when leaving a room.

A. reduce
B. destroy
C. attract
D. organise

Question 11. The singer's latest song became an immediate hit because its melody was extremely _____.

A. sustainable
B. responsible
C. catchy
D. organic

Question 12. The competition attracted a large _____, including teenagers, parents and international visitors.

A. instrument
B. audience
C. composer
D. contestant

PART III. GRAMMAR (Questions 13–24)

Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.

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Question 13. My mother usually _____ dinner at 6 p.m., but this week she _____ later because of her new working schedule.

A. prepares / is working
B. is preparing / works
C. prepares / is preparing
D. is preparing / is working

Question 14. Why _____ at your phone? The teacher _____ an important point about tomorrow's test.

A. do you look / explains
B. are you looking / is explaining
C. do you look / is explaining
D. are you looking / explains

Question 15. The Earth _____ around the Sun, but the students _____ a documentary about the solar system at the moment.

A. is revolving / watch
B. revolves / are watching
C. revolves / watch
D. is revolving / are watching

Question 16. My brother _____ meat, so he usually _____ vegetarian meals when we eat out.

A. isn't eating / orders
B. doesn't eat / orders
C. doesn't eat / is ordering
D. isn't eating / is ordering

Question 17. The school bus _____ at 6:45 every morning, so we _____ the house before 6:30.

A. is leaving / are leaving
B. leaves / leave
C. leaves / are leaving
D. is leaving / leave

Question 18. I can't help you with the housework right now because I _____ for an important presentation.

A. prepare
B. prepared
C. am preparing
D. will prepare

Question 19. A: Why have you bought so many reusable bags?
B: I _____ using plastic bags from now on.

A. will stop
B. am going to stop
C. stop
D. am stopping always

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Question 20. A: The phone is ringing, but I am busy cooking.
B: Don't worry. I _____ it.

A. am going to answer
B. answer
C. am answering
D. will answer

Question 21. Look at those dark clouds! It _____ soon, so we should bring the clothes inside.

A. rains
B. is raining
C. is going to rain
D. will raining

Question 22. I think more young people _____ environmentally friendly products in the future.

A. are choosing
B. choose
C. will choose
D. are going choose

Question 23. We _____ our grandparents this Sunday. We bought the train tickets yesterday.

A. visit
B. are going to visit
C. will visiting
D. are visit

Question 24. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

A. She is knowing how to play the piano, but she doesn't practise regularly.
B. She knows how to play the piano, but she isn't practising regularly these days.
C. She knows how to play the piano, but she doesn't practising regularly these days.
D. She is knowing how to play the piano, but she isn't practising regularly these days.

PART IV. READING COMPREHENSION (Questions 25–30)

Read the following passage and choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.

FAMILY LIFE: MORE THAN JUST SHARING A HOME

In modern society, family members often have busy schedules. Parents spend long hours at work, while children attend school, take extra classes and participate in various activities. As a result, finding time to do things together can be challenging. However, spending quality time as a family does not necessarily require expensive trips or special occasions. Sometimes, the simplest daily activities can bring people closer.

One effective way to strengthen family relationships is to share household responsibilities. In some families, parents take care of almost everything because they believe their children should focus entirely on studying. However, involving children in household chores can actually benefit them in several ways. They learn practical skills, become more independent and understand that maintaining a comfortable home is everyone's responsibility.

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Family meals are another important opportunity for communication. When family members eat together, they can talk about their experiences, discuss problems and share their feelings. Research suggests that regular family meals may help children develop better communication skills and feel more emotionally supported. Nevertheless, parents should avoid turning mealtimes into opportunities to criticise their children's academic performance.

Technology can also affect family relationships. Although smartphones and social media help people stay connected, excessive screen time may reduce face-to-face interaction. Some families have introduced a simple rule: everyone puts their phones away during dinner. This small change encourages family members to pay attention to one another and have more meaningful conversations.

Ultimately, a happy family is not necessarily one that never experiences disagreements. What matters is how members listen to each other, share responsibilities and show mutual respect. Strong family bonds are built through consistent efforts rather than occasional grand gestures.

Question 25. What is the passage mainly about?

A. The importance of academic success in modern families.

B. Practical ways to strengthen family relationships in everyday life.

C. The negative effects of parents spending too much time at work.

D. Why children should spend less time participating in extracurricular activities.

Question 26. According to paragraph 2, involving children in household chores helps them _____.

A. spend less time studying.

B. avoid taking responsibility for family matters.

C. develop practical skills and become more independent.

D. complete all household tasks without parental support.

Question 27. The word "them" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. parents.
B. children.
C. household responsibilities.
D. practical skills.

Question 28. The word "criticize" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. praise.
B. encourage.
C. judge negatively.
D. appreciate.

Question 29. Why do some families ask everyone to put their phones away during dinner?

A. To prevent children from using technology for educational purposes.

B. To encourage more direct communication among family members.

C. To make family meals shorter and more convenient.

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D. To stop parents from discussing their children's studies.

Question 30. What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Families can build strong relationships through small, regular actions.

B. Families without disagreements are always happier than others.

C. Children should be responsible for most household chores.

D. Special occasions are more important than everyday interactions.

PART V. CLOZE TEST (Questions 31–35)

Read the passage and choose the best answer A, B, C, or D for each blank.

A Greener and More Musical School

Our school is launching a project that combines environmental protection with music. The project aims to encourage students to adopt a greener lifestyle while discovering their musical talents.

Every Friday, members of the environmental club (31) _____ recyclable materials around the school and sort them carefully. At the moment, they (32) _____ decorations from used paper and plastic bottles for an upcoming exhibition.

Next week, the music club (33) _____ a charity concert to raise money for local environmental activities. The organisers have already prepared the programme and invited several talented performers.

"We believe more students (34) _____ part in environmental activities when they realise that protecting the planet can also be enjoyable," says the club president.

All students are welcome to join the project, regardless of their previous experience. They can contribute by sharing creative ideas or simply (35) _____ their classmates with the preparations.

Question 31.

A. collect
B. are collecting
C. collected
D. will collected

Question 32.

A. make
B. are making
C. makes
D. will making

Question 33.

A. is going to organise
B. organises every week
C. will organising
D. is organise

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Question 34.

A. are taking
B. take
C. will take
D. are going take

Question 35.

A. help
B. helping
C. to helping
D. helped

PART VI. EVERYDAY ENGLISH AND SITUATIONAL QUESTIONS (Questions 36–40)

Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.

Question 36.

Mai: "The kitchen is a mess, and Mum will be home in twenty minutes!"

Nam: "Don't panic. I _____ the dishes while you tidy the living room."

A. wash
B. am washing always
C. will wash
D. washed

Question 37.

Teacher: "What are your plans for the school environmental project?"

Student: "We _____ a recycling workshop next Friday. The school has already approved our proposal."

A. organise
B. are going to organise
C. will organising
D. are organise

Question 38. Choose the sentence that best expresses a prediction based on present evidence.

A. I think our music club will become more popular one day.

B. The music club meets every Wednesday afternoon.

C. Look at the number of people queuing outside! The concert is going to be a huge success.

D. We are performing at the school festival next Saturday.

Question 39. Which sentence describes a temporary situation rather than a regular habit?

A. My father usually does the washing-up after dinner.

B. Our school organises a music festival every year.

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C. My younger sister is staying with our grandparents this week.

D. Water boils at 100°C under standard atmospheric pressure.

Question 40.

A: “I've left my notebook at home”.

B: “That's all right. I _____ you mine for today's lesson”.

A. am lending
B. lend
C. am going to lend
D. will lend

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