

- A.** hero **B.** filmmaker **C.** genius **D.** actor

Question 14: Billions of trees are cut down every year, releasing carbon dioxide back into the air and contributing _____ climate change.

- A. to B. at C. of D. in

Question 15: It is becoming worrying that rivers, lakes, and oceans are _____ by large farms and transport industries.

- A. contaminated B. contamination C. contaminants D. contaminating

Question 16: To avoid culture shock, learn about the _____ and behaviour of our local people in advance.

- A. customs B. experiences C. cultures D. performances

Question 17: He decided to _____ college after the first semester because he felt unfulfilled by the courses.

- A. drop out of B. come up with C. keep away from D. put up with

Question 18: More and more people are becoming aware of saving energy, _____ is good for the environment.

- A. whom B. when C. which D. who

Question 19: While the teacher _____ the life story of Uncle Ho, everyone in our class _____ notes carefully.

- A. was telling / was taking B. told / took
C. told / was taking D. was telling / took

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following question.

Question 20: Taking part in exchange programmes teaches students to respect the diversity of other cultures.

- A. variety B. uniformity C. scarcity D. uniqueness

III. READING (2.5 pts)

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase for each of the blanks from 21 to 25.

Bill Gates

Bill Gates is a renowned American entrepreneur, software developer, and philanthropist. He was born on October 28, 1955, in Seattle, Washington. Gates showed a passion for technology from an early age, and by the age of 13, he had already started programming computers. In 1973, Gates enrolled at Harvard University, (21) _____ he later dropped out to pursue his dream of starting a software company. In 1975, he co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Paul Allen. The company's breakthrough came when they developed the MS-DOS operating system for IBM's first personal computer. Microsoft soon dominated the personal computer software (22) _____, making Gates one of the wealthiest individuals in the world.

Gates served as the CEO of Microsoft until 2000 when he stepped down to focus (23) _____ his philanthropic work through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation, which he founded with his then-wife Melinda, is one of the largest private charitable foundations in the world. It has donated billions of dollars to various causes, including global health, education, and poverty elimination. Gates has also been a vocal advocate for technological innovation and (24) _____ development, urging the world to tackle climate change and other pressing global issues. (25) _____ his immense wealth and success, Gates is known for his modest lifestyle and commitment to giving back to society. Today, he continues to be actively involved in various initiatives aimed at improving the world for future generations, including economic development.

(<https://www.biography.com/business-figure/bill-gates>)

Question 21: A. what B. which C. when D. where

Question 22: A. industry B. industrial C. industrialism D. industrialise

Question 23: A. at B. on C. in D. for

Question 24: A. sustainable B. depletable C. temporary D. permanent

Question 25: A. Because B. Although C. Despite D. Because of

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 26 to 30.

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a global event organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to attract people's attention to climate change and encourage people to take action to protect the environment. It began in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, and has since grown into a worldwide movement. On a designated day each year, participants are encouraged to turn off their lights and electrical appliances for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 PM local time. This symbolic gesture aims to highlight the impact of human activity on the planet and to promote energy conservation.

During Earth Hour, landmarks and iconic buildings around the world switch off their lights, creating a visual representation of collective commitment to sustainability. The event is not only about reducing energy consumption for one hour but also about inspiring long-term changes in behavior. By participating in Earth Hour, individuals and communities show **their** support for efforts to reduce carbon footprints and combat climate change.

Earth Hour also serves as a platform for discussions about environmental issues and encourages people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles. Through social media and community events, participants share their experiences and ideas for reducing environmental impact. The initiative has grown **significantly**, involving millions of people in over 180 countries. Its success demonstrates the power of collective action in addressing global environmental challenges.

(<https://www.earthhour.org/>)

Question 26: Where and when did Earth Hour first begin?

- A. New York City, 2005
- B. Paris, 2009
- C. Sydney, 2007
- D. Tokyo, 2010

Question 27: What does the word “**their**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. Long-term changes
- B. Efforts to combat climate change
- C. Individuals and communities
- D. Lights turned off during Earth Hour

Question 28: What actions are participants encouraged to take during Earth Hour?

- A. Replace their water taps and lights
- B. Turn off their lights and electrical appliances
- C. Plant trees and turn off electrical appliances
- D. Use only solar power and save electricity.

Question 29: The word “**significantly**” in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. slightly
- B. dramatically
- C. notably
- D. substantially

Question 30: What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. To promote energy conservation and raise awareness about climate change.
- B. To encourage people to switch to renewable energy sources.
- C. To raise funds for environmental organizations.
- D. To create a global network of environmental activists.

IV. WRITING: (2.5 pts)

PART 1: Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction. (0.5 pt)

Question 31. Alexandre Fleming was working in his lab when he was discovering penicillin by accident.

- A B C D

Question 32. Sa Pa is a beautiful mountain town in a north of the country, near the border of China.

- A B C D

PART 2: (1pt)

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

Question 33. My older sister surfed the Internet during her breakfast. (use “**while**”)

--> My older sister surfed the Internet **while she was having her breakfast**

Question 34. Many people have now started to pay attention to the environment (use “**care + a preposition**”)

→ Many people have now started **to care about the environment.**

Combine the two sentences into a meaningful sentence.

Question 35. Plastic takes hundreds of years to decompose in the ground. This explains why it is

harmful to the environment. (use “**which**”)

≈ Plastic takes hundreds of years to decompose in the ground, **which explains why it is harmful to the environment**

Question 36. The band was playing their first song. All the lights went out. (use “**when**”)

≈ The band **was playing their first song when all the lights went out.**

PART 3: (1pt)

Write a biography (180 words) of Pele. Select and combine information from the outline below

Pele is one of the greatest football players of all the time.

Childhood and Education

- Early life in Tres Coracoes, Brazil, born October 23, 1940
- Humble background
- Learn to play football with a makeshift ball
- Be talented at a young age/ join the youth team of Bauru Athletic

Achievements

- Score his first professional goal for Santos FC at the age of 16
- Win 3 FIFA World Cups with the Brazilian national team in 1958, 1962 and 1970
- Be known for his extraordinary goal-scoring record, having scored over 1,000 career goals

Family

- Play a significant role in his life, with his father being a major influence on his early interest in football

Later years and Death

- Remain actively engaged in football in his later years

WRITING

Tổng: 1 điểm	Nhận biết	Thông hiểu	Vận dụng	Vận dụng cao
Nội dung (0,4đ)	(0,1đ) - Trả lời ở mức tối thiểu yêu cầu của bài viết. Bài viết có câu chủ đề và các thành phần cơ bản.	(0,2đ) - Trả lời được cơ bản yêu cầu của bài. Bài viết có câu chủ đề. Các thành phần cơ bản đều được phát triển, đôi khi có chỗ phát triển chưa cân xứng.	(0,3đ) - Trả lời khá đầy đủ yêu cầu của bài. Bài viết có câu chủ đề. Các thành phần cơ bản được phát triển tương đối kỹ, logic và cân xứng. - Viết đủ ý chính.	(0,4đ) - Trả lời đầy đủ yêu cầu của bài. Bài viết có câu chủ đề. Các thành phần cơ bản được phát triển kỹ, logic, cân xứng.
Tổ chức thông tin và tính liên kết (0,2đ)	NB (0,05đ) - Sắp xếp ý thiếu logic, thiếu tính liên kết. - Ít sử dụng hoặc sử dụng lập các phương tiện kết nối hoặc sử dụng các phương tiện kết nối chưa chính xác.	TH (0,1đ) - Sắp xếp các ý có logic, có tính liên kết, mặc dù tính mạch lạc giữa các câu còn thấp hoặc máý mớ. - Sử dụng các phương tiện kết nối tuy còn đơn giản nhưng đúng nghĩa.	VD (0,15đ) - Sắp xếp ý logic, mạch lạc, dễ đọc, dễ hiểu. - Sử dụng khá đa dạng và chính xác các phương tiện kết nối.	VDC (0,2đ) - Sắp xếp ý logic, mạch lạc cao. Bài viết có tổng thể hài hòa, trôi chảy, tự nhiên. - Sử dụng đa dạng và chính xác các phương tiện kết nối.
Từ vựng (0,2đ)	NB (0,05đ) - Dạng từ, chính tả còn viết chưa đúng	TH (0,1đ) - Từ vựng tạm đủ để diễn đạt thông tin liên quan đến chủ đề.	VD (0,15đ) - Ít lỗi sai về chính tả.	VDC (0,2đ) - Sử dụng đa dạng và chính xác các phương tiện kết nối. - Không sai chính tả
Ngữ pháp	NB (0,05đ) - Sử dụng cấu	TH (0,1đ) - Sử dụng cấu	VD (0,15đ)	VDC (0,2đ)

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Audio script

PART 1

MC: Welcome to our programme on Viet Nam, a country of history and unbelievable life stories. Today, we have with us Minh, a boy at Nguyen Thi Due High School. Hi Minh.

Minh: Hi everybody. You know, history has always been my passion.

MC: Oh, it's nice to hear that. So, who's the historical figure you admire most?

Minh: If I were a woman, I think I would love to be like Nguyen Thi Due. **She was born in 1574**, in Hai Duong. **She was not only attractive but also incredibly intelligent**, with a strong focus on education.

MC: What makes you particularly interested in her?

Minh: Well, she took the national test in 1594 at the age of 20, **dressing as a man under the name of Nguyen Thi Du. She was the first and only woman to pass the exam.** Emperor Mac Kinh Cung knew this and gave her the title "Soaring Star". **Then he asked her to teach the ladies in the royal family.**

MC: Things seemed quite easy for her, didn't they?

Minh: Not really. The Mac Dynasty came to an end in 1625 when Emperor Mac Kinh Cung was defeated by the Trinh lords. **Nguyen Thi Due was then captured**, but eventually became the Imperial Tutor thanks to her sharp mind.

MC: Oh, I see. This really impresses me too. Thank you for your sharing.

Minh: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk about my idol.

(Adapted from <https://www.quora.com/Who-are-some-of-your-favorite-Vietnamese-female-historical-figures>)

PART 2

Living sustainably is no longer just a trend; it's becoming the norm of everyday life. With an increasing number of sustainability initiatives emerging worldwide, there are now more opportunities than ever to adopt eco-friendly practices. Now, let's take a look at some of our top picks of the many sustainable initiatives around the world.

1. Sundrop Farms

It's revolutionising agriculture by using high-tech greenhouse facilities to grow crops with minimal reliance on limited natural resources. Sundrop Farms opened its first pilot facility **in Port Augusta, South Australia, in 2010.**

2. Solar glass

Solar glass emerges as a game-changer in the realm of renewable energy. It offers a **sustainable alternative to conventional building materials like roofs, skylights, facades, and windows.** Its primary function is to generate power efficiently through harnessing solar energy.

3. AirCarbon

AirCarbon is a special kind of plastic, made using an innovative manufacturing technique that captures **greenhouse gases and transforms them into small plastic balls.** These balls can be formed into various shapes. Remarkably, this process not only prevents emissions from entering the atmosphere but also helps reduce carbon, which is good for the environment.

4. Seabins

The Seabin is an inventive ocean-cleaning device deployed close to docks, marinas, banks, and shorelines. It **gathers rubbish** while also gathering information about water conditions, helping people clean the oceans better. Also, the Seabin serves as a tool for raising awareness and educating the public about the importance of preventing ocean pollution. These initiatives highlight the diverse ways in which individuals and businesses can contribute to sustainability. By embracing these innovations and making eco-friendly choices, we can all play a part in building a more sustainable future for generations to come.

(Adapted from <https://sustainabilitymag.com/top10/top-10-sustainable-initiatives>)