

I. LISTENING (2.5 pts)

PART 1: Listen to the conversation and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions. You will listen TWICE.

Question 1: Which century did Nguyen Thi Due live in?

- A. 18th B. 15th C. 17th D. 16th

Question 2: What was she like when she was small?

- A. Smart and attractive. B. Quiet and educated.
C. Beautiful but absent-minded. D. Talkative and short-sighted.

Question 3: What is true about the test Nguyen Thi Due took?

- A. It was international. B. It took place in 1974.
C. It was for men only. D. It was in Hai Duong.

Question 4: What did Nguyen Thi Due do after the test?

- A. She lived in a royal family. B. She worked with her teachers.
C. She worked as a teacher. D. She moved back to her town.

Question 5: What happened to Nguyen Thi Due when the Mac Dynasty ended?

- A. She was imprisoned. B. She moved to an island
C. She had to share a title. D. She was defeated.

PART 2: Listen to a talk about some green initiatives and decide whether the statements are True (T) or False (F). You will listen TWICE.

Question 6: There are five green initiatives mentioned in the talk.

- A. True B. False

Question 7: In 2010, Sundrop Farms launched its first pilot site in South Austria.

- A. True B. False

Question 8: Solar glass would be useful for architects when they design sustainable buildings.

- A. True B. False

Question 9: AirCarbon helps reduce carbon emissions by capturing greenhouse gases and transforming them into plastic.

- A. True B. False

Question 10: The Seabin is used to clean oceans near shorelines.

- A. True B. False

PART 2: Listen to a talk about some green initiatives and decide whether the statements are True (T) or False (F). You will listen TWICE.

Question 6: Sustainable living is now rare, with many global initiatives promoting eco-friendly practices

- A. True B. False

Question 7: In 2010, Sundrop Farms launched its first pilot site in South Austria.

- A. True B. False

Question 8: Solar glass would be useful for architects when they design sustainable buildings.

- A. True B. False

Question 9: Air Carbon results in a carbon-negative product.

- A. True B. False

Question 10: The Seabins can be placed along the coast.

- A. True B. False

II. LANGUAGE (2.5 pts)

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

Question 11: A. shortage B. teenage C. village D. cottage

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 primary stress in each of the following question.

Question 12: A. tradition B. cultural C. military D. poetry

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 13: Albert Einstein is often regarded as a scientific _____ due to his groundbreaking theories in the field of physics.

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.

(Adapted from <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 _____

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

--> Many people have now started _____

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 _____

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

--> The band _____

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.

