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(Adapted from <https://students.lfbusa.com>)

- Question 7:** A. property **B. compassion** C. programme D. contamination
Question 8: A. basic B. elemental C. fundamental D. simple
Question 9: A. call off B. turn down **C. grow into** D. drop off
Question 10: A. lot B. little C. number **D. plenty**
Question 11: A. others B. the others **C. other** D. the other
Question 12: A. due to **B. regardless of** C. owing to D. respectively

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 13 to 17.

- Question 13:** a. Aurora: Yeah, it's terrible. I heard it also makes climate change worse.
b. Andy: That's true, and it messes up nature in so many ways. People need to know more and do something about it.
c. Andy: I read about how cutting down trees is hurting animals' homes. It's really sad.
A. c – b – a B. a – b – c **C. c – a – b** D. a – c – b

- Question 14:** a. Ms. Chau: I've noticed that too. Maybe the assignments are too hard for them.
b. Ms. Chau: That's a good idea. We could also give them some extra practice sheets.
c. Mr. Phat: Maybe. Do you think we should go over the topics again in class?
d. Mr. Phat: Some of the students are struggling with their homework lately.
e. Mr. Phat: Yes, and we can talk to the students who need more help after class.
A. d – a – c – b – e B. d – e – a – c – b C. b – a – e – d – c D. b – e – d – a – c

- Question 15:** Hi Larry,
a. Lately, I've been amazed by how quickly technology is evolving.
b. The new smartphones are also incredible, especially their cameras.
c. I'm thinking about upgrading; any recommendations?
d. AI tools like chatbots and art creators are everywhere—have you tried any?
e. I've also been reading about smart homes—imagine controlling everything with your voice! Tech is making life so exciting. Let me know what cool stuff you've come across lately!
Take care,
John
A. d – a – c – b – e B. a – b – d – c – e C. d – c – a – b – e **D. a – d – b – c – e**

- Question 16:** a. He built his wealth by investing in strong companies and making smart financial decisions over many years.
b. Warren Buffett is one of the most successful people in the world of finance.
c. Despite his great success, he is known for living a simple and humble life, which inspires many people.
d. Buffett also believes in giving back to society and has donated a large part of his wealth to charity.
e. His hard work, smart decisions, and generosity make him a role model for people everywhere.
A. e – a – b – d – c **B. b – a – c – d – e** C. e – c – d – a – b D. b – e – c – d – a

- Question 17:** a. In some countries, more young people are joining volunteer programs than before.
b. However, in other places, the number of volunteers is going down, as adults have less free time to help.
c. These changes show that age, time, and support can all affect how many people volunteer.
d. This increase might be because schools and groups are encouraging students to help their communities.

e. The percentage of people who volunteer has changed over time.

A. e - a - d - c - b

B. d - a - c - b - e

C. e - a - d - b - c

D. e - c - a - d - b

Read the following passage about humanoid robots 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 18 to 22.

Cyberbullying among students is a growing issue that demands serious attention. This harmful behavior occurs (18)_____. Many students experience cyberbullying through abusive messages, fake profiles, or the sharing of embarrassing content, often leaving victims feeling isolated and emotionally distressed. The anonymity provided by the internet emboldens bullies, (19)_____.

Social media amplifies the impact of cyberbullying by allowing harmful content to spread rapidly. (20)_____. This environment fosters a culture of cruelty that not only affects the victim but also normalizes such behavior among bystanders. The psychological toll on victims is profound, often leading to decreased self-worth, anxiety, and, in severe cases, depression. (21)_____.

Efforts to combat cyberbullying must involve a multi-faceted approach. Students need to be educated on the ethical use of digital platforms and encouraged to think critically about their online behavior. Parents and educators play a crucial role in identifying signs of cyberbullying and providing timely support to affected students. (22)_____.

(Adapted from <https://www.stopbullying.gov>)

Question 18: A. When individuals rely on digital platforms like social media, messaging apps, or email, they often use them to connect with friends and family across the globe.

B. Social media, messaging apps, and email are increasingly popular for promoting businesses and engaging with customers.

C. People often use messaging apps, email, and social media to organize events and collaborate on projects.

D. When individuals use digital platforms, such as social media, messaging apps, or email, to target others with malicious intent

Question 19: A. enabling them to act without fear of immediate consequences, which exacerbates the problem.

B. of which allows them to behave without worrying about instant repercussions, which worsens the situation.

C. which providing an opportunity to act without fearing prompt repercussions, thus deepening the problem.

D. that creating a situation where they can act without immediate consequences, worsening the matter.

Question 20: A. A single harsh comment can quickly grow into a larger problem, without many others joining in.

B. What starts as one kind remark can spiral into a bigger issue, as more people get involved.

C. What might begin as a single mean comment can escalate into a widespread issue, with numerous individuals piling on.

D. One warm-hearted comment can escalate into a major issue, attracting participation from numerous others.

Question 21: A. It is concerning that students often change their study routines, but this doesn't explain the effects of relentless harassment.

B. It is concerning that some students withdraw from social interactions and their education due to this relentless harassment.

C. It is concerning that some students enjoy participating in social interactions while others face relentless harassment in unrelated areas.

D. It is concerning that some students use social media excessively, though this has little to do with their education or harassment.

Question 22: A. Therefore, having designed straightforward rules to promote online kindness and accountability should be done.

B. Additionally, schools should implement clear policies and programs that promote digital kindness and accountability.

C. However, schools should have simple rules and plans to encourage being kind online and taking responsibility for actions.

D. Besides, setting clear guidelines and programs to help students act kindly online is the schools' responsibility.

Read the following passage about coffee 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 23 to 30.

I just finished watching the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, and I am very impressed! The story is about a young boy, Harry, who learns he is a wizard and goes to a magical school called Hogwarts. He makes friends with his two life-long best friends, Hermione and Ron, who help him on his journey. **Each movie shows Harry growing up and learning more about his world**, where there are exciting magical creatures, spells, and mysteries.

The main conflict is between Harry and a dark wizard named Voldemort, who wants to take over the magical world. Every movie builds up the story and shows more about Harry's past and his connection to Voldemort. I enjoyed watching Harry face different challenges in each movie, getting stronger and braver with each one. The final movie was very exciting, with an **intense** battle between good and evil.

The series has amazing special effects, making the magic look real. The actors did a great job showing the emotions of their characters. I felt like I was right there with **them** in every scene! This series has a lot of important **themes**, like friendship, bravery, and love. I think both kids and adults can enjoy this series, as it has something for everyone.

Overall, Harry Potter is a wonderful series full of magic, adventure, and heart. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good fantasy story. Watching the entire series was an amazing experience that I will remember for a long time!

(Adapted from <https://www.imdb.com>)

Question 23: Which of the following is NOT a character in the Harry Potter series?

A. Hermione

B. Voldemort

C. Ron

D. J.K. Rowling

Question 24: The word **intense** in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

A. calm

B. exciting

C. strong

D. powerful

Question 25: The word **them** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. the characters

B. the emotions

C. the series

D. the adults

Question 26: The word **themes** in paragraph 3 could best be replaced by _____.

A. challenges

B. actors

C. topics

D. places

Question 27: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

A. Harry grows up fast in every movie due to the challenges he must face in the magical world.

B. Each movie takes Harry to new places around the magical world to help him make friends.

C. Harry learns new spells in each movie helping him grow up quickly and finally beat Voldemort.

D. Every movie presents Harry's journey into adulthood and the magical world around him.

Question 28: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

A. Harry has a good friendship with Hermione and Ron.

B. Voldemort turns out to be a hero at the end of the story.

C. Hogwarts is a dangerous place where no one wants to go.

D. The story has no themes about bravery, love or friendship.

Question 29: In which part of the review does the writer mention the actors' performance?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

Question 30: In which part of the review does the writer discuss the battle between the protagonist and antagonist?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

Read the following passage about powering 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.

Six months after the UN officially recognized the human right to a healthy environment, a report by UN Special Rapporteur David Boyd underscores the harsh reality that this right remains inaccessible to many, particularly the most vulnerable populations worldwide. Boyd’s report identifies “**sacrifice zones**,” regions where pollution from industrial activities has rendered the air, water, and soil toxic, exposing local communities to severe health risks like cancer, lead poisoning, and respiratory diseases.

Globally, there are thousands of such zones. For instance, Bor, Serbia, ranks among Europe’s most polluted cities due to its copper mining and smelting industries, leaving 80% of **its** metallurgical workers with chronic illnesses. In La Oroya, Peru, nearly all children living near a lead smelter show dangerously high blood lead levels. Similarly, in the oil-contaminated Niger Delta of Nigeria, life expectancy hovers around just 40 years. These regions reflect the dire costs of prioritizing industrial progress over environmental health.

Boyd’s findings emphasize the role of corporate practices in exacerbating these crises. **[I]** Major polluters, including leading fossil fuel companies, continue profiting massively while contributing to pollution and climate change. **[II]** During the energy crisis in 2022, six such corporations amassed \$350 billion in profits. **[III]** Simultaneously, lobbying and greenwashing tactics hinder the enactment of strict environmental laws, enabling the persistence of these toxic zones. **[IV]**

Governments also bear responsibility for failing to counteract these influences. Corporate lobbying and the absence of enforceable environmental regulations perpetuate these issues, as evidenced by recent climate negotiations that yielded weak commitments. Boyd advocates for bold action, including legally binding frameworks to hold corporations accountable, criminalizing greenwashing, and reducing corporate influence in policymaking. Such measures are critical for turning the human right to a healthy environment from principle to practice, safeguarding both people and the planet

(Adapted from <https://genevasolutions.news>)

Question 31: The phrase “**sacrifice zones**” in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by _____.

A. vulnerable zones

B. green spaces

C. toxic regions

D. industrial areas

Question 32: The word “**its**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. Peru

B. Europe

C. Serbia

D. Bor

Question 33: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT true about the identified sacrifice zones?

A. People in Bor suffer from chronic illnesses due to industrial activity.

B. Children in La Oroya have high levels of lead in their blood.

C. Life expectancy in the Niger Delta is exceptionally high.

D. Pollution heavily affects air, water, and soil in these areas.

Question 34: The word **industrial** in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

A. materialism

B. religious

C. agricultural

D. technological

Question 35: Where in paragraph 3 does the following sentence best fit?

“These profits often come at the expense of vulnerable communities, who bear the brunt of environmental degradation and health consequences”

A. **[I]**

B. **[II]**

C. [III]

D. **[IV]**

Question 36: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

A. Corporate profits come at the cost of environmental degradation and human health.

B. Governments have implemented strong policies to curb industrial pollution.

- C. Fossil fuel companies have significantly reduced their impact on the environment.
- D. Greenwashing has been effective in addressing global climate issues.

Question 37: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Sacrifice zones are evenly distributed across all countries.
- B. Life expectancy in the Niger Delta is alarmingly low.
- C. Governments have successfully countered corporate lobbying.
- D. Fossil fuel companies have minimized their profits during crises.

Question 38: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Governments have collaborated effectively with corporations to reduce pollution.
- B. Government actions have been insufficient in preventing corporate misconduct.
- C. Governments are solely responsible for the existence of these sacrifice zones.
- D. Corporations and actions have completely overridden government authority.

Question 39: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Sacrifice zones are exclusively found in both developed and developing countries.
- B. Lead poisoning is not recognized as a significant concern in those sacrifice zones.
- C. Corporate lobbying and governments are working together to strengthen the policies.
- D. Industrial activities in sacrifice zones have severe health impacts on communities.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The report reveals how corporate practices and weak regulations harm vulnerable communities in polluted regions worldwide.
- B. The report highlights how international cooperation has eradicated sacrifice zones and restored environmental health.
- C. The report discusses the benefits of industrial development for the global economy and local communities.
- D. The report focuses on both positive and negative impact of corporate profits on addressing global climate change.

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