

Dinh Stadium, (32) _____ West Lake. Fireworks start after nightfall at (33) _____ site. Please be aware of road (34) _____ in Ba Dinh, Hoan Kiem and along parade routes— public transport may be delayed. Wear comfortable shoes and stay hydrated. As crowds build, organizers have made sure everything will run like (35) _____. We look forward to celebrating independence together—don't miss this historic occasion.

(Adapted from Vietnamnet.vn)

Question 30 [1097883]: A. grand parade military
B. military parade grand
C. parade military grand
D. grand military parade

Question 31 [1097884]: A. back B. off C. in D. up

Question 32 [1097885]: A. yet B. since C. and D. for

Question 33 [1097886]: A. little B. other C. many D. each

Question 34 [1097887]: A. closures B. abandonments
C. suspensions D. shutdowns

Question 35 [1097888]: A. teamwork B. paperwork C. network D. clockwork

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

Public Wi-Fi, often available in cafes and airports, provides undeniable convenience for people on the go. These networks, (36) _____, are frequently unencrypted, creating significant security risks that many users ignore. (37) _____. This vulnerability enables them to steal sensitive information like passwords, credit card numbers, and private messages.

(38) _____, a Virtual Private Network (VPN) encrypts a user's internet connection, creating a secure tunnel that makes data unreadable to eavesdroppers. (39) _____. To mitigate these dangers entirely, it is strongly advised to avoid these networks for sensitive tasks. Using cellular data (like 5G or LTE) is also a much safer alternative. Prioritizing digital safety over convenience, such as refraining from online banking on public hotspots, (40) _____ as it reduces exposure to unsecured networks and ensures that sensitive information is not transmitted in vulnerable conditions.

(Adapted from ResearchGate)

Question 36 [1097889]:

- A. which often lack robust security protocols
- B. whose security protocols be often insufficient
- C. they commonly lack adequate protective measures
- D. every one of which to be missed robust security protocols

Question 37 [1097890]:

- A. Via "Man-in-the-Middle" attacks, these networks offer an ideal chance for hackers, though they let cybercriminals intercept the flow of data
- B. Cybercriminals can intercept data traffic through "Man-in-the-Middle" attacks, and these networks create a great chance for hackers to accidentally exploit
- C. Allowing cybercriminals to intercept data traffic via "Man-in-the-Middle" attacks, these networks inadvertently create a perfect opportunity for hackers
- D. Inadvertently creating a perfect opportunity for hackers, these networks allow cybercriminals to intercept data traffic via "Man-in-the-Middle" attacks

Question 38 [1097891]:

- A. Recommending it as a strong solution by security experts
- B. It is endorsed by security professionals as an effective measure
- C. Having viewed as a robust solution by cybersecurity experts
- D. Recommended as a robust solution by security experts

Question 39 [1097892]:

- A. Google explicitly recommends this tool for anyone connecting to a public access point
- B. A public network explicitly endorses this tool as a method for all users to connect
- C. For anyone, Google openly suggests that a public access point connect to this tool
- D. This tool for connecting a public access point puts forward Google as a recommendation

Question 40 [1097893]:

- A. are crucial habits for protecting private information
- B. helps protect personal data significantly
- C. to preserve a high level of personal data protection
- D. the benefit of data being markedly defended

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Read the 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 1 to 8.

The telephone rings in a quiet suburban household. A resident answers to hear the panicked voice of a close relative or perhaps sees a familiar face on a video call pleading for immediate assistance. The caller claims an emergency involving a hospital bill or a sudden legal predicament. The exigency is fabricated while the fear instilled is entirely genuine. The victim rushes to transfer funds. The voice was a digital synthesis and the face was a deepfake simulation. Malevolent actors have successfully **weaponized** familial trust and advanced technology for financial gain.

Such operations are rarely the work of solitary hackers. Sophisticated criminal syndicates execute these schemes with corporate efficiency. Sprawling compounds located in jurisdictional grey zones operate as hives of illicit activity. **Hundreds of operators sit in cubicles with detailed scripts and strict financial quotas while utilizing cutting-edge software to spoof numbers and manipulate audio.** The enterprise functions as a dark doppelganger of a legitimate call center. It targets thousands of individuals daily with relentless and algorithmic precision.

The psychological toll on the victims frequently exceeds the monetary loss. Individuals grapple with a profound sense of violation and shame after realizing their own compassion was exploited. Elderly citizens are particularly susceptible and often lose **their** entire pension or life savings in a single transaction. The erosion of trust extends to legitimate institutions. The populace becomes **wary** of answering calls from unknown numbers and views every digital interaction with corrosive skepticism. The social fabric frays under a pervasive anxiety regarding communication itself.

Law enforcement agencies face an arduous battle to contain the proliferation of these scams. The perpetrators operate across international borders and utilize cryptocurrency to obfuscate the money trail. Recovering misappropriated funds is statistically improbable. Public awareness campaigns broadcast daily warnings but often lag behind the rapidly evolving tactics of the fraudsters. Personal security now requires a constant and exhausting state of digital vigilance for every citizen, regardless of their technological proficiency.

(Adapted from *vietnamnews.vn*)

Question 1 [1099909]: The word **weaponized** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. destroyed

B. exploited

C. armed

D. strengthened

Question 2 [1099910]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Stationed in booths with rigid monetary targets and fixed lines, numerous agents use advanced tech to falsify numbers and alter their voice sounds.
- B. Hundreds of staff in cubicles follow scripts and strict quotas, employing top-notch tools to spoof numbers and record audio for later analysis.
- C. With detailed scripts and money targets, operators in booths use modern software to encrypt numbers and change audio for secure communication.
- D. Advanced software is utilized by script-reading agents to spoof numbers and manipulate audio, ensuring they meet the strict financial analysis standards.

Question 3 [1099911]: Which of the following is NOT listed in the passage as a negative impact resulting from sophisticated financial scams?

- A. A sense of violation
- B. A feeling of shame
- C. An erosion of institutional trust
- D. A decline in physical health

Question 4 [1099912]: The word **their** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. individuals
- B. elderly citizens
- C. life savings
- D. victims

Question 5 [1099913]: The word **wary** in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. trusting
- B. eager
- C. confident
- D. receptive

Question 6 [1099914]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Public information campaigns often lag behind because they prioritize the monitoring of traditional phone scams over newer digital threats.
- B. Criminal syndicates utilize cryptocurrency specifically as a mechanism to satisfy the strict financial quotas demanded by their operational leaders.
- C. The difficulty of policing international borders has caused agencies to replace active prosecution efforts with a focus on citizen education.
- D. The restitution of stolen capital is infrequently feasible as perpetrators employ intricate technical methods to conceal their financial tracks.

Question 7 [1099915]: Which paragraph mentions an illicit operation functioning like a valid commercial entity?

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

Question 8 [1099916]: Which paragraph mentions the mental anguish resulting from the misuse of a victim's kindness?

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

Read the following passage 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 9 to 14.

Carnaval Ha Long: The Dance of the Dragon

Kicking off the summer tourism season, Carnaval Ha Long is a street festival that transforms the coastal city into a massive stage. Every year, the event sees a huge (9) _____ of tourists flooding the streets to witness the spectacle. The festival aims to promote the scenic beauty and the warm (10) _____ of the local people to international friends.

The highlight is the street parade, featuring giant floats (11) _____ with thousands of LED lights and colorful flowers. Dancers, (12) _____ energetic performances blend traditional folk elements with modern disco beats, mesmerize the audience.

The atmosphere is consistently (13) _____, with music booming and crowds cheering along the beach. The dazzling fireworks display at the end helps to (14) _____ a truly unforgettable night for everyone involved.

(Adapted from *Vietnam travel news*)

- Question 9** [1099917]: A. number B. amount C. deal D. sum
Question 10 [1099918]: A. hospital B. hospitable C. hospitality D. hospitably
Question 11 [1099919]: A. adorned B. adorning C. are adorned D. which adorn
Question 12 [1099920]: A. who B. whom C. which D. whose
Question 13 [1099921]: A. eclectic B. electric C. eccentric D. erratic
Question 14 [1099922]: A. make for B. call for C. stand for D. account for

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 15 to 19.

Question 15 [1099923]:

- The necessity of a new job requiring travel finally forced me to book my first driving lesson, despite my trembling hands.
- Sitting behind the wheel, the road seemed terrifyingly chaotic, and my first attempt at parallel parking ended in frustration.
- Over time, however, the panic subsided, replaced by a rhythmic coordination of gears and mirrors that felt almost instinctive.
- For years, I relied happily on public transport, viewing cars as dangerous metal boxes best avoided.
- Passing my test yesterday wasn't just about getting a license; it was the liberating realization that I could navigate the world on my own terms.

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

Question 16 [1099924]:

- a. Mark: Ideally, yes. But after a ten-hour shift, the convenience of takeout often wins over the effort of chopping vegetables.
- b. Jenny: That's the trap, isn't it? We trade our long-term health for a few minutes of relaxation in the evening.
- c. Jenny: Do you think we are losing the art of home cooking because of our busy modern lifestyles?
- d. Jenny: Perhaps the solution lies in 'meal prepping' on weekends, so the hard work is already done.
- e. Mark: Exactly. It requires a conscious strategy to break the cycle of convenience; otherwise, fast food becomes the default.

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

Question 17 [1099925]:

- a. Alice: That should work perfectly. I'll make sure to drop it off at your place by Sunday evening.
- b. Alice: Hey, do you think I could borrow your large suitcase for my trip this weekend? Mine just broke.
- c. Ben: I suppose so, but I need it back for my own business trip next Monday morning. Is that okay?

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

Question 18 [1099926]:

Dear Mr. Henderson,

- a. Due to an urgent client emergency that requires my immediate attention, I am afraid I will be unable to attend our scheduled discussion on Tuesday.
- b. I am writing regarding our project review meeting which is currently set for 10:00 AM next week.
- c. Please accept my sincere apologies for this last-minute change and any inconvenience it may cause to your schedule.
- d. Would it be possible to reschedule for the following Thursday at the same time, or perhaps Friday morning?
- e. I look forward to your confirmation and to updating you on the project's progress.

Sincerely, Sarah Jenkins

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

Question 19 [1099927]:

- a. This specific constraint has paved the way for the explosive rise of podcasts and audio storytelling.
- b. Unlike video or text, this audio-only format allows users to consume complex content passively while commuting, cooking, or exercising.
- c. In an era of shrinking attention spans, traditional media demands a resource that many busy people simply lack: their eyes.
- d. By liberating the audience from the screen, it transforms "dead time" into productive learning hours, fundamentally changing how we absorb information.
- e. Consequently, advertisers and creators are flooding into the space, recognizing that the human ear is the new frontier for engagement.

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

Read the 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 20 to 29.

Physical altercations within educational precincts are manifesting with disquieting regularity on national news broadcasts. Hostile confrontations involving pupils are recurrently documented by peers, with the resulting footage circulating rapidly across social networks. Acts of this nature frequently involve premeditated intimidation and coercion directed at specific individuals rather than random disputes. The perpetrators customarily operate in concert, utilizing numerical superiority to overwhelm a single victim. **[I]** The physical safety of the student body, previously assumed to be **inviolable**, is currently compromised by the prevalence of unchecked animosity. The learning environment effectively becomes a zone of apprehension.

Systematic ostracization and verbal harassment constitute a less visible yet equally deleterious component of the phenomenon. Victims endure a sustained campaign of derision, humiliation, and deliberate exclusion from peer groups. The psychological distress resulting from such relentless targeting often exceeds the pain of corporal injury. Academic performance deteriorates concurrently as the learner attempts to navigate a setting characterized by trepidation. **[II]** The instigators aim to dismantle the victim's social standing through public degradation. **The cumulative effect of psychological pressure frequently leads to long-term trauma and a developed aversion to the educational institution.**

Observers of these egregious events habitually adopt a passive stance instead of attempting to intercede. The "bystander effect" is intensified by the rational fear of retribution from the aggressive cohort. Adolescents witnessing the assault often choose to record the incident on mobile devices rather than summoning assistance or attempting to de-escalate the conflict. Inaction signals a collective acquiescence to the violence and

inadvertently emboldens the attackers. The moral obligation to protect a vulnerable peer is subordinated to the instinct for self-preservation. [III] Consequently, the victim is left in a state of solitary defenselessness against the group.

Current disciplinary protocols utilized by administrators often prove ineffectual in curtailing aggressive behaviors. Suspensions or warnings function as temporary administrative remedies while failing to address the originating behavioral antecedents. [IV] Guardians of the offending youths frequently engage in vehement denial or attempt to minimize the gravity of the actions to protect their child's academic record. True resolution requires comprehensive psychological counseling and mediation strategies instead of simple punitive measures. Without a rigorous modification in how these incidents are managed, the school remains a place of peril. The failure to ensure safety represents a fundamental abdication of the establishment's duty to its charges.

(Adapted from *The Conversation*)

Question 20 [1099928]: According to paragraph 1, the specific tactic deployed by the instigators during school-based conflicts involves _____.

- A. the swift online sharing of video evidence recorded by classmates
- B. turning the academic setting into an area defined by fear
- C. calculated threats aimed at the general security of the group
- D. leveraging their strength in numbers to subdue a lone individual

Question 21 [1099929]: The word inviolable in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. vital
- B. secure
- C. consistent
- D. mandatory

Question 22 [1099930]: What specific goal drives the instigators of verbal bullying?

- A. A sharp decline in the student's grades and educational results.
- B. The infliction of bodily harm surpassing the level of mental anguish.
- C. The deliberate erosion of the individual's standing among their peers.
- D. The development of lasting emotional scars and hatred for school.

Question 23 [1099931]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The continuous rise in stress often causes permanent internal damage and a profound disinterest in the learning environment of students.
- B. Because academic demands accrue over time, students often suffer enduring distress and come to detest their place of study greatly.
- C. Lasting emotional scars and a deep loathing for the academy often stem from the mounting impact of sustained, intense mental strain.
- D. Chronic failure and a developed hostility toward the school system are typically caused by the aggregate weight of psychological burden.

Question 24 [1099932]: What reason prevents observers from stepping in to stop the fight?

- A. A silent form of agreement with the hostile conduct taking place.
- B. A valid worry regarding potential attacks from the hostile student group.
- C. A preference for filming the event instead of offering immediate aid.
- D. An absence of ethical duty to safeguard the defenseless young student.

Question 25 [1099933]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. The tendency of witnesses to record assaults rather than intervene appears to be motivated by a need to capture evidence, a choice that overrides moral duties and leaves the victim defenseless against the group.
- B. The passive stance of observers signals a troubling erosion of empathy among modern adolescents, where the instinct for self-preservation has superseded the moral obligation to protect a vulnerable peer from harm.
- C. Witnesses frequently refrain from intervening due to a fear of reprisal, often choosing to document the assault digitally, a passive response that inadvertently validates the aggression and leaves the victim isolated.
- D. Fear of retribution from the aggressive cohort pushes observers into a passive role where they choose to document the incident, an action that ensures the victim remains isolated and will receive no assistance.

Question 26 [1099934]: The word **its** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. safety
- B. establishment
- C. duty
- D. modification

Question 27 [1099935]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The impulse of bystanders to record incidents may be driven by a desire to provide objective evidence for subsequent disciplinary hearings.
- B. The psychological trauma resulting from social exclusion creates a more permanent form of cognitive impairment than the shock of physical injury.
- C. Parents often prioritize the preservation of a student's future institutional prospects over the immediate correction of the behavioral infraction.
- D. Current administrative remedies, like suspension, fail because they are applied too leniently rather than addressing the root causes of aggression.

Question 28 [1099936]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Constructive engagement from the domestic sphere is seldom forthcoming.

- A. [I]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [IV]

Question 29 [1099937]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The epidemic of school violence, involving physical attacks and verbal harassment, represents a fundamental failure of parenting, as guardians consistently deny their children's faults and obstruct necessary disciplinary measures to protect academic records.
- B. The prevalence of physical altercations in schools creates a climate of fear that leads to the widespread psychological distress and academic decline observed in victims, a cycle that current administrative protocols like suspensions fail to break.
- C. School violence involves premeditated physical attacks and psychological abuse, a crisis exacerbated by passive witnesses and ineffective punitive discipline that fails to address root causes, necessitating a shift toward comprehensive counseling strategies.
- D. School violence has escalated into a crisis of physical and mental abuse that administrative warnings cannot stop, indicating that schools must now adopt legal penalties to force guardians to accept responsibility for their children's actions.

Read the following leaflet 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 30 to 35.

How to Stop Procrastinating and Start Doing?

Procrastination is often called the thief of time, stealing our opportunities and peace of mind. Many people treat time as an infinite resource; (30) _____, they fail to prioritize and end up rushing at the last minute. Psychologists suggest that we are naturally prone (31) _____ seeking immediate gratification rather than working on long-term goals. Here is how to break the cycle:

- Stop multitasking. (32) _____ of two complex tasks can be performed effectively at the exact same time; focus on one.
- Create a (33) _____. Mapping out your day hour-by-hour reduces the decision fatigue that leads to delaying work.
- Recognize that waiting for "the right mood" is (34) _____. Motivation rarely strikes first; it usually follows action.
- Just start small. The hardest part is often simply getting the (35) _____ rolling; once you begin, momentum will carry you forward.

(Adapted from *RealLife English*)

Question 30 [1099938]: A. Consequently B. However C. Otherwise D. Instead

Question 31 [1099939]: A. with B. of C. to D. for

Question 32 [1099940]: A. Neither B. Either C. Both D. None

Question 33 [1099941]: A. detailed daily schedule B. daily detailed schedule
C. schedule detailed daily D. detailed schedule daily

Question 34 [1099942]: A. facile B. fragile C. febrile D. futile

Question 35 [1099943]: A. rock B. ball C. stone D. wheel

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

The weekend streets of major cities have been claimed by a new breed of athlete: the amateur marathoner. What was once a solitary pursuit for the elite has swelled into a mass movement, fueled by the gamification of fitness apps and social media validation. This ecosystem has transformed casual joggers into data-obsessed enthusiasts, (36) _____, investing heavily in carbon-plated shoes and specialized nutrition plans to shave seconds off a personal best. This obsession with data transforms a primal activity into a metrics-driven enterprise, where every stride is analyzed for efficiency.

The physical toll of this hobby is often underestimated by novices. First-time participants, swept up in the collective euphoria of race day marketing but ill-prepared for the grueling reality of mile 20, (37) _____, battling a level of physiological depletion they had never anticipated. The mental fortitude required to push past this "wall" is immense. (38) _____. It functions as a rite of passage that separates the casual jogger from the disciplined endurance runner.

Despite the punishing nature of the sport, participation numbers continue to break records. (39) _____. The finish line offers a rare moment of tangible achievement in a world of abstract digital labor. In the final analysis, the sport's appeal lies in its democratic brutality; (40) _____, reminding us that resilience is a muscle that must be trained.

(Adapted from *The New York Times*)

Question 36 [1099944]:

- A. which identifies performance metrics as the defining character of their own pursuit of identity
- B. for whom the pursuit of performance metrics has become a defining characteristic of identity
- C. so defined is the pursuit of performance metrics that it characterizes their whole identity
- D. characterizing the pursuit of performance metrics as the definition of their truly identified persona

Question 37 [1099945]:

- A. are routinely forced to confront a profound metabolic collapse known as "bonking"
- B. forces a routine confrontation with "bonking," known as a profoundly collapsed metabolism
- C. confronting the routine force of a profoundly collapsed metabolism is known as "bonking"
- D. the routine force of "bonking" profoundly collapses the metabolism into a known confrontation

Question 38 [1099946]:

- A. Experiencing the ultimate crucible at this stage serves to test the sheer exhaustion of psychological resilience
- B. The ultimate service of this stage is exhausting psychological resilience, experienced as a sheer testing crucible
- C. The sheer exhaustion experienced at this stage serves as the ultimate crucible for testing psychological resilience
- D. Sheer psychological exhaustion serves the resilience experienced at this stage as the ultimate crucible for testing

Question 39 [1099947]:

- A. To suffer the strong allure of the medal remains a motivation for the crowded camaraderie, whether or not
- B. Be it the allure of the medal or the camaraderie of the crowd, the motivation to suffer remains strong
- C. The crowd remains strongly allured by the camaraderie of suffering, be it for the motivation or the medal
- D. Suffering the allure of the medal remains the strength of the crowd, be it for camaraderie or motivation

Question 40 [1099948]:

- A. the effective revelation of raw human will is hardly a pastime that strips away other social pretenses
- B. to socially strip away pretense is hardly an effective pastime for revealing any other raw human will
- C. any other pastime hardly reveals the effectiveness of stripping away raw social will to human pretense
- D. hardly does any other pastime strip away social pretense so effectively to reveal raw human will

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ĐỀ MINH HỌA SỐ 33
(Đề thi có 10 trang)

KỲ THI TỐT NGHIỆP TRUNG HỌC PHỔ THÔNG NĂM 2026
Môn thi: TIẾNG ANH

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Thời gian làm bài: 50 phút, không kể thời gian phát đề

Read the 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 1 to 8.

The recent announcement by Cambridge Dictionary naming "parasocial" as **its** Word of the Year constitutes a formal recognition of a dominant contemporary condition. A term previously restricted to academic psychology textbooks has permeated the general lexicon, accurately describing the defining social dynamic of the current era. The selection validates a widespread phenomenon where individuals form intense, one-sided emotional attachments to media figures, creating a psychological experience that mimics friendship without any actual reciprocity.

Digital platforms **expedite** unrequited bonds with unprecedented efficiency. Influencers and celebrities utilize direct-to-camera addresses, live streams, and instantaneous comment replies to contrive a sensation of immediate closeness. Audiences perceive a mutual bond, believing themselves understood by a figure completely oblivious to their existence. The dynamic differs radically from conventional admiration or fandom. A delusion of private understanding arises, generated not by interaction but by the incessant consumption of a curated existence.

Commercial imperatives drive the deliberate expansion of these unrequited bonds. Media personalities and entertainment agencies encourage such attachments to ensure audience retention and financial support. **Ardent followers frequently exhibit high levels of emotional investment, defending their chosen figures against criticism and integrating the celebrity's achievements into their own identity.** The psychological experience for the viewer is genuine, carrying the emotional weight of a real relationship, despite the structural absence of mutual obligation. The semblance of intimacy functions as a highly lucrative and marketable commodity.

Widespread reliance on simulated companionship correlates with escalating metrics of social alienation. Populations increasingly substitute the **arduous** negotiations of physical community for safe, mediated presence. Recognizing "parasocial" as the defining term of 2025 acknowledges a reality where solace is derived from commercial projections rather than corporeal beings. The trend indicates a fundamental reordering of human connection, prioritizing the safety of observation over the vulnerability required for genuine engagement.

(Adapted from Sky News)

Question 1 [1097938]: The word **its** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. "parasocial"
- B. announcement
- C. Cambridge Dictionary
- D. a condition

Question 2 [1097939]: The word expedite in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. accelerate B. initiate C. normalize D. secure

Question 3 [1097940]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a digital method employed by media figures to fabricate a sense of immediate intimacy?

- A. Direct-to-camera addresses B. Live streaming sessions
 C. Instantaneous comment replies D. Exclusive behind-the-scenes photos

Question 4 [1097941]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. High emotional involvement is seen in supporters who guard their idols from critique and try to replicate the celebrity's lifestyle in their own lives.
 B. Deep emotional attachment leads loyal adherents to shield their idols from disapproval, often viewing the star's personal values as indistinguishable from their own.
 C. Dedicated fans often show deep emotional stakes, shielding their idols from attacks and adopting the stars' successes as part of their self-concept.
 D. Committed enthusiasts exhibit strong emotional ties, defending their idols against criticism as a means to validate the star's achievements within their own identity.

Question 5 [1097942]: The word arduous in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. effortless B. complex C. rewarding D. optional

Question 6 [1097943]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Content creators tend to employ immediate digital interaction features to develop an authentic empathy for their individual viewers' private lives.
 B. The modern shift in social connectivity favors the perceived security of unilateral digital observation over the intricacies of bilateral interaction.
 C. Entertainment agencies foster intense audience attachments to ensure that fans integrate celebrity achievements into their own personal identities.
 D. The recent lexicographical recognition of 'parasocial' serves to officially diagnose a specific psychological disorder prevalent within the general population.

Question 7 [1097944]: Which paragraph mentions specific strategies used to fabricate a sense of nearness?

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

Question 8 [1097945]: Which paragraph mentions followers adopting a public figure's triumphs as part of their own character?

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

Read the following passage 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 9 to 14.

The Golden Bridge: A Walk in the Clouds

Since its opening, the Golden Bridge in Da Nang has received a great (9) _____ of attention from international media. Perched on Ba Na Hills, this architectural marvel looks like a silk strip floating in the sky. Its unique design has earned it global (10) _____ as one of the world's most striking pedestrian bridges.

The walkway, (11) _____ by two giant weathered hands, offers visitors a panoramic view of the mountains below. It creates a magical setting (12) _____ tourists can feel as though they are strolling through the clouds.

Critics and visitors alike agree that the visual impact of the bridge is (13) _____. It does not clash with the landscape but rather enhances the mystical beauty of the area. Despite the harsh weather and steep terrain, engineers managed to (14) _____ this magnificent structure in less than a year.

(Adapted from *Vietnamstory.in*)

- Question 9** [1097946]: A. range B. deal C. number D. variety
Question 10 [1097947]: A. recognize B. recognizable C. recognition D. recognizably
Question 11 [1097948]: A. suspended B. suspending
 C. is suspended D. which suspending
Question 12 [1097949]: A. where B. when C. who D. that
Question 13 [1097950]: A. unspoiled B. untapped C. unrefined D. unrivaled
Question 14 [1097951]: A. put out B. put off C. put up D. put away

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 15 to 19.

- Question 15** [1097952]:
- Returning to the piano bench, my hands trembled, paralyzed by the memory of that humiliating failure on stage years ago.
 - It wasn't until I closed my eyes and focused solely on the melody, blocking out the imaginary audience, that the fear began to recede.
 - This moment of vulnerability became my greatest strength, teaching me to play not for approval, but for the sheer joy of the music itself.
 - For a decade, I had refused to touch the instrument, convincing myself that I had lost the talent I once possessed.
 - Slowly, muscle memory took over, and the first hesitant notes blossomed into a confident performance that filled the empty room.

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

Question 16 [1097953]:

- a. John: It's subtle but dangerous. The algorithm shows you more of what you already agree with, creating an "echo chamber."
- b. Sarah: That explains why people seem so polarized lately; they literally aren't seeing the other side of the argument.
- c. Sarah: Do you think the way social media feeds are curated is actually changing how we think?
- d. Sarah: So, essentially, we are being isolated in our own intellectual bubbles without even realizing it.
- e. John: Exactly. It reinforces your existing biases while filtering out any opposing viewpoints that might challenge them.

A. d - a - c - e - b

B. c - a - b - e - d

C. d - e - b - a - c

D. c - e - d - a - b

Question 17 [1097954]:

- a. Coach: That's a massive blow to the team. So, he is definitely out for the rest of the season.
- b. Coach: That's a massive blow to the team. How bad does the injury look?
- c. Physio: It appears to be a torn ligament. He won't be running anytime soon.

A. a - b - c

B. b - a - c

C. b - c - a

D. a - c - b

Question 18 [1097955]:

Dear Mr. Thompson,

- a. I have truly enjoyed my time here and am grateful for the opportunities I have had to grow within the design team.
- b. However, I have recently received an offer that aligns more closely with my long-term career goals in sustainable architecture.
- c. Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as Senior Architect.
- d. My last day will be June 30th, which should allow ample time for me to hand over my current projects to my successor.
- e. I wish the company nothing but continued success and hope we can stay in touch in the future.

Sincerely, Robert Lang

A. b - d - a - c - e

B. a - c - d - b - e

C. c - a - b - d - e

D. c - d - a - b - e

Question 19 [1097956]:

- a. This microscopic infiltration then moves up the food chain, as smaller fish are eaten by larger predators, eventually reaching our dinner plates.
- b. However, a closer inspection reveals a far more sinister reality lurking beneath the pristine surface.
- c. The water is choked not just with floating bottles, but with billions of tiny plastic particles created as larger debris breaks down over time.
- d. Because these particles are so small, they are easily mistaken for plankton and ingested by marine life, causing internal damage.
- e. At first glance, the deep blue expanse of the Pacific Ocean appears majestically clean and untouched by human hands.

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

Read the 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 20 to 29.

The concept of “encloded cognition” postulates that the garments we select exert a profound and measurable influence on our mental processes. Hajo Adam and Adam Galinsky substantiated this theory through empirical research by demonstrating that donning specific garments systematically modifies the wearer's psychological state and cognitive focus. Subjects wearing a white lab coat in controlled trials displayed significantly enhanced attention to detail and reduced error rates compared to those in casual street clothes. **[I]** The garment functions not merely as a covering but as a symbolic carrier of specific attributes like conscientiousness and rigor, which the brain actively assimilates upon dressing.

Perceptible cognitive shifts occur through the simultaneous processing of symbolic meaning and sensory experience. A tailored suit or medical uniform conveys cultural associations of competence that the wearer internalizes immediately. **[II] The haptic feedback from restrictive fabric or a structured fit provides a continuous somatic reminder of the body's professional context.** The brain integrates these continuous physical inputs and aligns its processing style with the perceived gravity of the ensemble. Thoughts are thus shaped by the physical conditions of the body as much as by neural activity, creating a feedback loop between the external attire and internal focus.

Unprecedented societal changes regarding remote employment have provided a massive case study for **this phenomenon**. Employees working from domestic settings in loungewear frequently report a discernible diminution in professional drive and mental acuity. The absence of a distinct "work uniform" obscures the mental demarcation between leisure and corporate labor, leading to a diffusion of attention. **[III]** Reverting to formal dress acts as a potent catalyst for focus even when operating from a kitchen table. Cladding the body in professional attire **induces** a necessary transition from a state of relaxation to one of alertness and productivity, effectively partitioning the day.

Sartorial selection, therefore, operates as a sophisticated mechanism for self-regulation. An outfit functions as an active agent in shaping immediate mental states. Strategic dressing allows an individual to facilitate desired psychological traits like confidence, authority, or ingenuity before a task commences. The act of dressing becomes a deliberate exercise in cognitive priming where the individual manipulates their own mindset through the external layer of cloth. [IV] Formidable challenges often appear more manageable when the body is encased in clothing that signifies capability and control. The wardrobe is effectively utilized as a resource of potential mindsets, ready to be deployed for specific endeavors.

(Adapted from *ResearchGate*)

Question 20 [1097957]: According to paragraph 1, the psychological changes proposed by the “encloded cognition” theory are catalyzed by the wearer’s internalization of _____.

- A. the rigorous attention to detail required by complex scientific tasks
- B. the intangible traits represented by the specific item of apparel
- C. the marked contrast between formal uniforms and casual street clothing
- D. the sensation of the garment serving as a protective covering

Question 21 [1097958]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The tactile sensation of stiff or tailored clothing supplies a constant physical cue regarding the wearer’s actual work environment.
- B. Tight, tailored clothing offers constant physical feedback, acting as a somatic cue to correct bodily posture for a professional setting.
- C. By providing tactile sensations through stiff fabric, the attire serves as a constant physical reminder to maintain mental focus at work.
- D. The professional context of the body necessitates the continuous somatic feedback provided by the tightness or cut of the clothing.

Question 22 [1097959]: How does the brain respond to the constant physical signals from clothing?

- A. It absorbs symbolic qualities such as diligence directly from the clothing.
- B. It matches its thinking style to the perceived seriousness of the outfit.
- C. It forms a mental division between free time and professional duties.
- D. It promotes feelings of authority and capability before starting an activity.

- Question 23** [1097960]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?
- A. The shift to remote work implies that casual attire often blurs the mental boundary between leisure and labor, reducing acuity, whereas switching to formal wear re-establishes the psychological alertness required for productivity.
 - B. Remote employment reveals a dip in focus among workers in casual attire, leading experts to conclude that strict dress codes are essential for maintaining employee discipline and ensuring a mental separation from leisure.
 - C. The blurring of work and leisure boundaries due to loungewear has seemingly caused a measurable drop in corporate output, prompting many companies to consider mandating formal dress codes for employees operating from home.
 - D. The lack of a work uniform during remote employment causes a diffusion of attention, a problem that compels employees to return to the physical office environment to regain their lost sense of professional drive.
- Question 24** [1097961]: The phrase **this phenomenon** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
- A. remote employment
 - B. neural activity
 - C. the feedback loop
 - D. social stratification
- Question 25** [1097962]: The word **induces** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. triggers
 - B. signals
 - C. forces
 - D. persuades
- Question 26** [1097963]: What benefit does changing into formal attire offer to remote workers?
- A. The simultaneous processing of cultural meanings and physical sensations.
 - B. A significant enhancement in attention to detail and lower error rates.
 - C. The creation of a clear boundary between periods of rest and productive labor.
 - D. A feedback loop between the external attire and the internal cognitive focus.
- Question 27** [1097964]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Strategic clothing choices effectively alter the wearer's subjective perception of a task's difficulty by artificially inducing a sense of competence.
 - B. The loss of focus among remote workers might result from the chaotic nature of domestic settings rather than the casualness of their attire.
 - C. The participants wearing white coats performed better because they possessed a scientific background that naturally affords greater attention to detail.
 - D. The brain prioritizes physical feedback from clothing texture over the symbolic meaning of the garment when adjusting cognitive processing styles.
- Question 28** [1097965]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?
- Innate aptitude cannot account for such a pronounced disparity.**
- A. [II]
 - B. [III]
 - C. [I]
 - D. [IV]

Question 29 [1097966]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A.** The theory of “enclothed cognition” argues that clothing directly influences mental function via symbolic and sensory channels, a notion reinforced by remote work findings that strategic outfit choices can actively regulate concentration.
- B.** The theory of “enclothed cognition” suggests that clothing has a bearing on mental conditions, though the reliance on external attire to regulate focus is regarded by some psychologists as a superficial solution to deeper attention deficits.
- C.** The concept of “enclothed cognition”, which originated from research on remote work productivity, demonstrates how the symbolic meaning of attire can improve cognitive performance by creating a feedback loop between body and mind.
- D.** “Enclothed cognition” reveals that clothing shapes mental processes through symbolic associations, a finding that is likely leading corporations to reintroduce stricter dress codes to maximize employee cognitive output and prevent the loss of focus.

Read the following leaflet 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 30 to 35.

How to Weather the Storm of Rising Prices?

In times of economic instability, the cost of living can spiral out of control, causing anxiety for households. (30) _____, panic is not the answer; strategic planning is. The biggest trap for consumers is the tendency to succumb (31) _____ the pressure of “keeping up with the Joneses,” leading to unnecessary debt. Here is how to stay afloat:

- Scrutinize your expenses. There is often (32) _____ justification for maintaining premium subscriptions that you rarely use.
- Focus on making (33) _____ that ensure future stability rather than quick wins.
- Be (34) _____ in recording every transaction to ensure no penny is unaccounted for.
- Finally, always set aside a portion of your income. Having an emergency fund is essential to save for a rainy (35) _____.

(Adapted from *LinkedIn*)

Question 30 [1097967]: **A.** Consequently

B. Furthermore

C. Otherwise

D. Nevertheless

Question 31 [1097968]: **A.** with

B. from

C. at

D. to

Question 32 [1097969]: **A.** much

B. little

C. a few

D. every

Question 33 [1097970]: **A.** sound long-term investments

B. long-term sound investments

C. investments sound long-term

D. sound investments long-term

Question 34 [1097971]: **A.** negligent

B. indigent

C. diligent

D. intelligent

Question 35 [1097972]: **A.** day

B. season

C. weather

D. time

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

The intersection of global travel and philanthropy has spawned "voluntourism," a lucrative industry that commodifies the altruistic impulse. This phenomenon attracts waves of well-intentioned participants, (36) _____, creating a complex dynamic where the desire to help is inextricably linked to the consumption of an exotic experience. While the narrative promoted by travel agencies is one of mutual benefit, critics argue that the short-term nature of these engagements often prioritizes the donor's emotional gratification over the recipient's actual needs.

It is a harsh reality that the influx of untrained labor into vulnerable communities can yield counterproductive results. Even when volunteers are driven by the purest of motives, their lack of professional expertise means that their presence (37) _____, thereby stunting the growth of the very local economy they aim to support. This systemic disruption underscores why good intentions are insufficient without competency. (38) _____. Consequently, a shift is needed from performing charity to facilitating sustainable partnerships.

However, dismantling this industry is challenging given its economic scale. (39) _____. Without a rigorous reassessment of impact, the sector risks perpetuating a cycle of dependency rather than fostering autonomy. In a landscape where ethical engagement is paramount, superficial aid is inadequate. (40) _____, distinguishing responsible engagement from self-serving tourism in the pursuit of global equity.

(Adapted from *The Medium*)

Question 36 [1097973]:

- A. some of them undertake the development of complex projects with little relevance to expert possessions
- B. and the complexity of the projects they undertake possesses little relevance to their expert development
- C. which possesses experts with little relevance to the complex development of the projects they undertake
- D. most of whom possess little to no relevant expertise for the complex development projects they undertake

Question 37 [1097974]:

- A. undermine the service of skilled workers by frequently marketing local displacement
- B. frequent displacement in local markets serves to undermine the skills of workers
- C. marketing the displacement of skilled labor frequently undermines the local service
- D. frequently serves to undermine local labor markets by displacing skilled workers

Question 38 [1097975]:

- A. Consequently, communities disturb this dynamic by internally developing reliance on external aid rather than relying on their own capacity
- B. A disturbing consequence of this dynamic is that communities become reliant on external aid rather than developing their own internal capacity
- C. The internal development of reliance on external aid is a disturbing consequence for communities rather than for this dynamic itself
- D. Reliant communities disturb the consequence of this dynamic by developing external aid rather than relying on their own internal capacity.

Question 39 [1097976]:

- A. Regardless of how genuine the volunteers' altruistic motives might be, the structural impact of their engagement remains largely negative
- B. The genuineness of volunteers' altruism structures their engagement negatively, regardless of how large the impact of their motives remains
- C. The altruism of volunteers will engage the largely negative structure, irrespective of how genuine the impact of their motives might be
- D. Volunteering with genuine altruism has a largely negative impact on the structural motives of engagement, regardless of how it is.

Question 40 [1097977]:

- A. The industry's prioritization of profit margins over ethical frameworks is truly beneficial to voluntourism host communities
- B. Beneficial host communities prioritize the industry's ethical frameworks over the true profitability of voluntourism
- C. Not until the industry prioritizes ethical frameworks over profit margins will voluntourism truly benefit host communities
- D. True beneficiaries in host communities are marginalized by an industry that prioritizes profit over ethical voluntourism

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

Generative AI has sparked an ongoing debate about its potential to write literature, (1) _____. In recent years, advances in machine learning have enabled algorithms to produce coherent, albeit mechanical, narratives that mimic the structure of human storytelling. For many, the question is not whether AI can generate text, but whether it can craft literature with the depth and emotional resonance associated with great human writers, such as those whose works have transcended time. (2) _____. Increasingly trained on intricate emotional markers in literature, AI systems are now capable of producing text that manipulates tone, pace, and mood. (3) _____. The intangible essence of literary artistry, apparently, (4) _____. While generative AI might be able to simulate literary forms, it struggles with creating authentic, original ideas, often repeating previously established concepts. (5) _____, lacking the spontaneity and true innovation inherent in human creativity.

(Adapted from Neurond AI)

Question 1 [1097980]:

- A. those with foundations were laid by centuries of human artistic expression
- B. a realm that was historically dominated by human creativity
- C. what it is traditionally shaped through human creative faculties
- D. all of them have been human innovation historically prevailed

Question 2 [1097981]:

- A. As AI declines, it becomes better at capturing faint emotional cues in its writing, producing compositions that come across as oddly authentic
- B. Remarkably, as writing advances, it improves at weaving subtle emotional nuances into its AI, creating pieces that seem surprisingly genuine
- C. Impressively, as AI continues to evolve, it refines its ability to incorporate subtle emotional undertones into its writing, producing works that feel strangely authentic
- D. Notably, AI's continuous evolution sharpens its capacity to include subtle emotional shades in its narratives, generate works that appear remarkably lifelike

Question 3 [1097982]:

- A. However, despite these advances, a core difference remains between the emotional depth of human art and the mechanical reuse of familiar themes by AI
- B. While human art is known for its emotional depth, AI reuses familiar themes mechanically, a contrast that persists despite these advances
- C. Despite remaining mechanical, AI differs in its emotional themes, which human art has frequently reused
- D. Emotional advances remain core to AI's originality, which human themes tend to reuse without much difference, despite depth

Question 4 [1097983]:

- A. stay outside the capabilities of artificial intelligence, prompting critics to doubt if AI can ever genuinely embody the true nature of literature
- B. remains beyond the reach of artificial intelligence and leaves critics to wonder if AI will ever truly capture the essence of literature as it is understood
- C. continuing to elude artificial intelligence, prompting critics to question whether AI can ever genuinely grasp literature's essence as it has long been interpreted
- D. the perceived limitations of AI authentically reflect the literature's true nature as understood by humans

Question 5 [1097984]:

- A. So algorithms are such that repetitions become their result
- B. Past repetitions are the algorithms' results drawn such are from
- C. Such repetitions are the result of algorithms drawing from the past
- D. Such results are the algorithms that past repetitions are drawn from

Read the following passage 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 6 to 13.

In contemporary society, a growing number of individuals tend to cling to a mindset often labeled as "infantilism." This phenomenon manifests in various ways, ranging from the reluctance to assume traditional adult responsibilities to the persistence of childlike behaviors well into adulthood. While some argue that this is a natural consequence of cultural shifts, others believe **it** is a troubling sign of delayed maturity.

Mr. Keith Hayward, a criminologist, contends that the modern generation is less mature than its predecessors, suggesting that Western culture is **at fault for** this shift. He highlights the prevalence of "kidulting," where adults engage in behaviors traditionally associated with childhood, as evidence of societal infantilization. For instance, some adults partake in activities such as pillow fights and ball pit adventures, or even indulge in nostalgic whims like collecting toys.

The education system, too, may **inadvertently** contribute to this issue. Today's students are often shielded from challenging ideas, with institutions going so far as to place trigger warnings on classic works such as Peter Pan. While these warnings are meant to protect students, they might inadvertently stunt emotional and intellectual growth, leaving young people unprepared for the complexities of adulthood. Furthermore, phrases like "You can be anything you want to be" may offer encouragement, but they fail to prepare students for the realities of the adult world.

In the broader context, some argue that these perceived signs of immaturity are not necessarily indicative of a lack of maturity. For example, as the cost of education rises and more young people attend college, delaying financial independence and major life decisions like marriage or starting a family is becoming increasingly common. **This delay should not be seen as an unwillingness to accept adulthood, but rather as a display of careful planning in a society facing economic difficulties.**

(Adapted from The Economist)

Question 6 [1097985]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an example of "kidulting" in the text?

- A. Collecting toys
B. Engaging in pillow fights
C. Participating in ball pit adventures
D. Attending superhero conventions

Question 7 [1097986]: The word "**inadvertently**" in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. shockingly
B. carelessly
C. accidentally
D. intentionally

Question 8 [1097987]: The phrase "**at fault for**" in paragraph 2 could be replaced by _____.

- A. regretful about
B. receptive to
C. responsible for
D. upset with

Question 9 [1097988]: The word "**it**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. perpetuation
B. reluctance
C. consequence
D. infantilism

Question 10 [1097989]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. This delay is a result of an unwillingness to confront the responsibilities of adult life in an economy burdened by difficulties.
B. This delay should be viewed as a strategic choice, as opposed to a reluctance to embrace adulthood in an economically strained society.
C. The delay is attributed to a lack of readiness to accept adult responsibilities in a turbulent economic climate.
D. The delay signifies an apprehension toward maturation rather than a deliberate adaptation to prevailing economic adversity.

Question 11 [1097990]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Phrases promoting boundless ambition are essential in equipping students for the pragmatic demands of adulthood.
- B. Some institutions attempt to protect students by labeling classic works with trigger warnings.
- C. Mr. Keith Hayward asserts that contemporary youth exhibit greater levels of maturity compared to their predecessors.
- D. Mr. Keith Hayward frequently condemns adults who partake in childlike activities such as toy collecting, citing these actions as indicative of arrested development.

Question 12 [1097991]: In which paragraph does the writer discuss the role of the education system in shaping the maturity of young people?

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

Question 13 [1097992]: In which paragraph does the writer explore economic factors contributing to delayed adulthood?

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

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 14 to 18.

Question 14 [1097993]:

- a. Emma: Yes, it's terrible. Oil spills destroy entire ecosystems and kill marine animals.
- b. Tom: Have you heard about the recent oil spill off the coast of California, Emma?
- c. Emma: I agree, the effects are long-lasting. We need stricter regulations to prevent these spills.
- d. Tom: Absolutely, more preventive measures are needed to protect our oceans.
- e. Tom: It's so hard to clean up, too. The damage lasts for years.

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

Question 15 [1097994]:

- a. Emma: Have you ever wondered how human civilization evolved so rapidly compared to other species?
- b. Emma: It makes me wonder what future generations will think of us. Will they see us as the architects of a new world or as a species that was too focused on progress at the expense of the planet?
- c. Lucas: Exactly. The rise of civilizations has led to environmental destruction, social inequality, and conflicts. Yet, despite these challenges, we've made incredible progress in science, art, and culture.
- d. Lucas: It's fascinating. It's not just about intelligence but also the ability to cooperate and build societies with complex systems of government, trade, and communication.
- e. Emma: That's true. The development of agriculture, writing, and technology allowed civilizations to flourish, but at what cost?

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

Question 16 [1097995]:

- a. Kelly: I love indoor workouts, like yoga or home circuits. You can even try dancing!
- b. Jason: Kelly, do you have any tips for staying active during the winter?
- c. Jason: I might give yoga a shot! It sounds like a great way to stay fit without going outside.

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

Question 17 [1097996]:

- a. There were moments when we disagreed or faced difficulties in our relationship, but instead of growing apart, those times only strengthened our bond as we learned to communicate more effectively and understand each other better.
- b. A friendship that has profoundly impacted my life began when I met Sara during my freshman year of university.
- c. Over the years, we've shared countless experiences - some joyful, others challenging - but always with mutual respect and support.
- d. We were both new to the city and felt somewhat isolated, so we naturally gravitated towards each other.
- e. Sara has become not just a friend, but a sister in every sense, and I cannot imagine going through life without her by my side.

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

Question 18 [1097997]:

Dear Michael,

- a. It's called *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, and it's a mesmerizing tale filled with magic, mystery, and romance.
- b. The writing style is absolutely enchanting, and every page feels like stepping into a dream.
- c. I know you love fantasy novels as much as I do, so I highly recommend this one.
- d. I just finished reading an incredible book, and I couldn't wait to tell you about it!
- e. The story revolves around a magical competition between two young illusionists, set in a mysterious, ever-changing circus that only opens at night.

Take care,

Emily

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

Read the following passage 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 19 to 28.

In recent years, the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has begun to take a toll on several industries, especially those relying on digital services. Chegg, for instance, has seen its share price plummet by 99% in less than four years, mainly due to a drop in demand for online learning. [I] While the post-pandemic slump in digital education contributed to this decline, the advent of AI tools like ChatGPT has exacerbated the issue. These AI technologies now provide students with free and efficient alternatives to the services Chegg offers, such as homework assistance and tutoring.

Similarly, other companies have also felt the impact of generative AI on their business models. [II] Stack Exchange, which runs the popular Stack Overflow, has experienced a dramatic decline in web traffic, as many coders turn to AI-powered tools like GitHub Copilot. These AI assistants allow them to solve coding issues more efficiently, leaving Stack Overflow struggling to maintain its relevance. Likewise, RWS, a translation service provider, has seen a significant drop in its revenue and share price since the introduction of ChatGPT, fueling investor trepidation about the future of the company.

However, the effects of AI are not universal, and some sectors remain largely unaffected by the technology's encroachment. [III] On the other hand, fields requiring a higher degree of precision, such as legal or medical work, are less likely to be immediately impacted. The propensity for errors, particularly AI hallucinations, renders businesses in these sectors more cautious about embracing the widespread adoption of generative AI.

In order to survive in the face of AI disruption, companies must adapt and innovate adroitly, using AI to enhance their products and services. Chegg, for example, is collaborating with Scale AI to offer machine-generated answers for students, while RWS is developing its own AI-powered translation tools. [IV] However, the innovation seen so far has been somewhat uninspired, with companies still struggling to find meaningful ways to integrate AI into their business models. In contrast, companies like Duolingo are finding success by integrating creative, interactive AI features, like their AI-generated character, Lily, which has helped boost shareholder confidence.

(Adapted from The Economist)

Question 19 [1097998]: What is the most plausible explanation for Chegg's precipitous market devaluation?

- A. Investor skepticism surrounding the long-term efficacy of digital tutoring models.
- B. Regulatory interventions curtailing the provision of educational services.
- C. A structural overhaul in its internal operational hierarchy.
- D. A contraction in appetite for virtual education.

Question 20 [1097999]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

“Industries where AI can replicate tasks with little customization are more vulnerable to disruption, especially in areas like coding or translation.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 21 [1098000]: What does the impact of ChatGPT on RWS suggest about the broader implications of AI in specialized service industries?

- A. Advances in technology enabling more efficient coordination
- B. The proliferation of AI technologies is catalyzing the emergence of novel employment avenues within firms such as RWS
- C. Stakeholders have expressed renewed optimism regarding the enduring viability of conventional translation enterprises
- D. The emergence of AI solutions has introduced disruptive competition, threatening traditional service providers

Question 22 [1098001]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

- A. Generative AI has caused a decline in the use of Stack Overflow and RWS, as AI tools offer more efficient alternatives, leading to financial struggles and investor trepidation.
- B. Stack Overflow has benefited from AI tools like GitHub Copilot, while RWS has encountered significant adversity due to intensified rivalry from AI-powered translation services.
- C. Both Stack Overflow and RWS have ostensibly capitalized on generative AI advancements, leveraging such technologies to seamlessly incorporate them into their operational architectures.
- D. Coders and translators now rely less on Stack Overflow and RWS because AI tools like ChatGPT and GitHub Copilot have rendered manual human input largely obsolete.

Question 23 [1098002]: The phrase **“take a toll on”** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. make sense of B. cause damage to C. run short of D. show interest in

Question 24 [1098003]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Full-scale integration of generative AI within these sectors transpires solely when inaccuracies proliferate, specifically in the form of AI hallucinations.
- B. Businesses in these sectors grow wary of implementing generative AI widely due to the risk of errors, especially AI hallucinations.
- C. Enterprises exercise circumspection in their deployment of generative AI, as solely the phenomenon of AI hallucinations precipitates their reluctance.
- D. The peril of inaccuracies, notably stemming from AI hallucinations, compels organizations across all domains to exhibit trepidation regarding the ubiquitous integration of generative AI.

Question 25 [1098004]: The word "**them**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. companies
- B. coders
- C. business models
- D. AI assistants

Question 26 [1098005]: According to paragraph 4, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a company adapting to AI disruption?

- A. Stack Overflow will adapt its business model next year
- B. Chegg is collaborating with Scale AI to offer machine-generated answers for students
- C. RWS is developing its own AI-powered translation tools
- D. Duolingo is integrating creative, interactive AI features, such as an AI-generated character

Question 27 [1098006]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Duolingo's success shows that all industries impacted by AI can thrive through innovative and creative applications of technology.
- B. The legal and medical sectors are early adopters of generative AI because of their high demand for precision.
- C. Companies that fail to innovate creatively with AI are at greater risk of losing relevance in competitive markets.
- D. The downturn in digital education was primarily instigated by the proliferation of AI technologies such as ChatGPT, which rendered conventional learning platforms obsolete.

Question 28 [1098007]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. AI's impact on industries has been minimal, with businesses like Stack Overflow adapting by creating successful AI-powered products, while competitors such as Chegg and RWS struggle to innovate and keep up with the changing technological landscape.
- B. The rise of AI has caused significant declines in companies like Chegg, Stack Overflow, and RWS, but some industries, such as the legal and medical fields, remain largely unaffected, and businesses like Duolingo are thriving by creatively integrating AI.
- C. AI tools like ChatGPT have primarily disrupted the education sector, pushing companies like Chegg to adopt uninspired AI solutions, while industries requiring higher precision, such as legal and medical fields, have experienced minimal impact from this technology.
- D. The introduction of AI technologies like ChatGPT has led to the downfall of businesses relying on digital services, but sectors that demand high precision, such as medicine, are thriving despite the AI revolution, leaving no room for creative adaptation.

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 29 to 34.

Addressing Bias in AI Algorithms: Ensure Fairness and Accuracy

Are you concerned about the (29) _____ issue of bias in AI algorithms and their impact on decision-making? Do you want to ensure that your AI systems are fair and accurate in every (30) _____? Look no further! Our comprehensive program on AI ethics, (31) _____ is aimed at addressing bias and improving algorithmic fairness, can guide your team in navigating these complex issues. We provide tailored solutions, expert analysis, and strategic recommendations (32) _____ you minimize bias in AI models. With our assistance, you'll also develop a solid strategic plan and hone the skills necessary for (33) _____ enhancing your career abilities. Don't wait any longer; make (34) _____ with us today!

(Adapted from GOV.UK)

Question 29 [1098008]: A. exhausting B. confusing C. growing D. frightening

Question 30 [1098009]: A. apply B. application C. applicant D. applicable

Question 31 [1098010]: A. whom B. why C. which D. whose

Question 32 [1098011]: A. helping B. is helped C. be helping D. helped

Question 33 [1098012]: A. banking on B. carrying over
C. checking on D. focusing on

Question 34 [1098013]: A. idea B. contact C. habit D. excuse

Read the leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 35 to 40.

Urban Transport for People with Disabilities

The importance of accessible public transit

Many people with disabilities still face major challenges when using public transport. These challenges may include vehicles that are too high, stations with no elevators, or a lack of trained staff. Cities should improve transport systems (35) _____ ensuring full accessibility for everyone, not just for able-bodied passengers. When transport fails to meet these needs, people with disabilities often feel (36) _____ from everyday city life.

What inclusive transport looks like

An inclusive (37) _____ provides tools that help all people travel safely and comfortably. This may include low-floor buses, wide doors, audio announcements, or ramps at every stop. While (38) _____ cities have made notable progress, others still lag behind. Accessibility should not be offered only in select areas but must cover the (39) _____ transport network. Whether someone is using a train, bus, or taxi, they deserve reliable service and respectful treatment that addresses their unique mobility needs at every stage (40) _____ the journey.

(Adapted from eScholarship)

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- Question 35** [1098014]: A. regardless of
C. with a view to
B. at the expense of
D. instead of
- Question 36** [1098015]: A. excluded B. promoted
C. elevated D. integrated
- Question 37** [1098016]: A. transport urban system
C. system transport urban
B. urban system transport
D. urban transport system
- Question 38** [1098017]: A. little B. much
C. each D. some
- Question 39** [1098018]: A. total B. complete
C. entire D. utter
- Question 40** [1098019]: A. on B. of
C. for D. down

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Read the 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 1 to 8.

Confronting the fragility of urban water systems, a new report released prior to the International Water Association's World Water Congress articulates a necessary evolution in municipal strategy. Drawing on case studies from Danish municipalities to global hubs like Cape Town, the findings advocate for dismantling the **siloe**d approach to water management in favor of a holistic, circular model that integrates hydraulic infrastructure into the broader urban fabric.

The first imperative is diversifying supply to withstand climatic volatility. The report extols the virtues of groundwater aquifers, which are significantly less susceptible to seasonal fluctuations than surface reservoirs. Cape Town has pioneered the surveying of these subterranean resources to bolster resilience. However, sustainable management requires governance that transcends municipal borders. **As demonstrated by the seven Danish municipalities managing a shared river basin, mitigating flood risks necessitates cross-jurisdictional cooperation to align upstream interventions with downstream safety.**

Urban infrastructure must simultaneously transition from static, single-purpose engineering to dynamic, adaptive systems. Digitalization is the catalyst for this metamorphosis. In Copenhagen, the deployment of sensors to monitor sewer overflows transformed the harbor from a polluted hazard into a recreational asset. This technological precision is best complemented by nature-based interventions. The city of Viborg, for instance, integrated flood defense with civic amenity by constructing a park designed to absorb "cloudburst" events. Such projects demonstrate that increasing urban permeability can mitigate flood risks without incurring prohibitive costs.

Perhaps the most profound shift involves reconceptualizing wastewater not as a pollutant, but as a repository of **untapped** value. Progressive utilities are leveraging anaerobic digestion to transform treatment plants into net energy producers. The facility in Aarhus stands as a prime exemplar, generating 75% more heat than **it** consumes and supplying the surplus to the local grid. By furthering this logic to recover vital nutrients like phosphorus from sludge, cities are effectively closing the resource loop, establishing a circular economy where urban waste becomes a critical input for energy and agriculture.

(Adapted from C40 KNOWLEDGE)

Question 1 [1098021]: The word **siloed** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. inefficient B. isolated C. outdated D. specialized

Question 2 [1098022]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Joint efforts across borders are vital for flood control, as shown by the example of Danish local councils, seeking to align upriver projects with the specific downriver objectives regarding future urban expansion.
- B. The case of seven Danish councils overseeing a common waterway shows that curbing inundation threats requires trans-border collaboration to synchronize upriver actions with downriver protection needs.
- C. As evidenced by seven Danish districts sharing a catchment, preventing floods relies on cross-border unity, specifically to ensure upriver infrastructure building matches the safety needs found downstream.
- D. Seven Danish local authorities sharing a river prove that flood control needs borderless teamwork, ensuring that upriver areas bear the same financial costs as the regions located further downstream.

Question 3 [1098023]: The word **untapped** in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. exhausted B. worthless C. dangerous D. visible

Question 4 [1098024]: The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. anaerobic digestion B. the facility
 C. heat D. the surplus

Question 5 [1098025]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a benefit derived from the Aarhus facility?

- A. Generating excess heat B. Recovering vital nutrients
 C. Supplying surplus energy D. Producing potable water

Question 6 [1098026]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The cross-jurisdictional cooperation in Denmark was established to oversee the surveying of deep groundwater resources across municipal borders.
- B. The construction of the nature-based flood defense park in Viborg may have been financed by diverting funds from static engineering projects.
- C. The conversion of wastewater facilities into energy generators relies on the extraction of phosphorus to fuel the anaerobic digestion process.
- D. Subterranean aquifers offer a supply resilience that is markedly superior to that of surface reservoirs regarding seasonal climatic stability.

Question 7 [1098027]: Which paragraph mentions the use of porous ground to manage heavy precipitation?

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

Question 8 [1098028]: Which paragraph mentions treating refuse as a beneficial commodity rather than a harmful substance?

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

Read the following piece of news 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 9 to 14.

HANIFF: Connecting Cultures through Cinema

The Hanoi International Film Festival (HANIFF) has rapidly become a bridge for creative exchange between Vietnam and the world. Held biennially, the festival presents a diverse (9) _____ of cinematic works from dozens of countries and territories.

The primary aim of HANIFF is to encourage the (10) _____ of the local film industry while introducing new talents to a global audience. The participating movies, (11) _____ carefully by a panel of international judges, are screened in theaters across the capital.

Hanoi, (12) _____ the festival takes place, provides a vibrant backdrop for this cultural gathering. Over the years, HANIFF has established itself as a (13) _____ platform where filmmakers can network and share their passion. The event is also a golden opportunity to (14) _____ the message of a friendly and dynamic Vietnam to international friends.

(Adapted from <https://haniff.vn/en/>)

Question 9 [1098029]: A. range B. amount C. level D. degree

Question 10 [1098030]: A. expand B. expansion C. expansive D. expansively

Question 11 [1098031]: A. chosen B. choosing C. are chosen D. which choosing

Question 12 [1098032]: A. where B. that C. who D. which

Question 13 [1098033]: A. provisional B. perpetual C. procedural D. prestigious

Question 14 [1098034]: A. put aside B. put across C. put away D. put back

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 15 to 19.

Question 15 [1098035]:

a. Before this pivotal invention, books were painstakingly handwritten by monks, making them rare and prohibitively expensive.

b. Consequently, knowledge was no longer the exclusive property of the elite, sparking a wave of literacy across the continent.

c. Johannes Gutenberg changed history forever when he introduced the movable type printing press to Europe in the 15th century.

d. This democratization of information is widely credited as the catalyst that eventually ignited the Scientific Revolution.

e. Suddenly, texts could be mass-produced with unprecedented speed and accuracy, drastically reducing the cost of ownership.

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

Question 16 [1098036]:

a. Scientist A: The potential is undeniable. Curing genetic diseases before birth could end suffering for millions.

b. Scientist B: I agree with the medical benefits, but I'm terrified of the "slippery slope" toward designing perfect designer babies.

c. Scientist B: Do you think we are moving too fast with CRISPR technology without considering the ethical boundaries?

d. Scientist B: Exactly. Once we alter the human germline, there is no going back for future generations.

e. Scientist A: That is a valid concern. We must draw a hard line between "therapy" (curing illness) and "enhancement" (improving traits).

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

Question 17 [1098037]:

a. Logistics Officer: Sir, in that case, the only remaining option is the old mountain bridge, though it has a strict weight limit.

b. Director: We have a critical situation. The main supply route to the refugee camp has just been washed away.

c. Director: Proceed with that plan, but ensure the trucks are spaced out to reduce the load on the structure.

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

Question 18 [1098038]:

Dear Ms. Collins,

a. Your training is scheduled to commence on September 1st at the European Astronaut Centre in Cologne.

b. Please complete the attached medical clearance forms and return them to us by the end of this week.

c. During this intensive program, you will learn survival skills, orbital mechanics, and Russian language basics.

d. It gives us great pleasure to formally offer you a position in the upcoming 2025 Astronaut Class.

e. Should you have any queries regarding the contract, do not hesitate to contact the HR department.

Sincerely, ESA Recruitment Team

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

Question 19 [1098039]:

- a. Today, these sturdy trousers stand as one of the few garments that transcend class, gender, and borders, worn by presidents and plumbers alike.
- b. This cultural shift transformed them from purely functional utility gear into a global fashion staple symbolizing youth and freedom.
- c. Their defining innovation was the use of copper rivets at stress points, a simple addition that prevented them from ripping under heavy loads.
- d. By the mid-20th century, however, Hollywood movies began adopting them as the uniform of rebels, sparking a massive craze among teenagers.
- e. Originally designed in the 1870s as durable workwear for miners, blue jeans were built solely to survive harsh conditions.

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

Read the 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 20 to 29.

Imposing networks of steel bars encase the concrete balconies of high-density residential blocks. Residents erect these metal enclosures to deter burglary or to claim a few square meters of extra space for storage. **They** project an image of fortified security while simultaneously creating a dangerous predicament. The heavy barriers designed to preclude illicit entry effectively eliminate the primary means of emergency egress. Solitary apartments turn into potential confinements during a catastrophe. Rescue operations from the exterior become exceedingly difficult as firefighters must cut through reinforced metal before reaching the occupants. **[I]** The sheer density of these modifications transforms an open building into a vertical fortress with virtually no exit.

The danger creates a compound risk when combined with the congested geography below. Residential clusters often develop organically and lack rigorous urban planning. A labyrinthine maze of alleyways remains too narrow for modern emergency vehicles to navigate. **[II]** Fire trucks must often stop hundreds of meters away from the actual blaze and resort to deploying lengthy hoses to reach the flames. Disordered bundles of electrical wiring hang overhead and frequently ignite the very disasters residents fear. Population density means a single spark jeopardizes the safety of hundreds within minutes. The path to safety is often obstructed by the accumulation of parked vehicles and the general congestion of daily life.

Public awareness typically remains dormant until a specific tragedy dominates the news cycle. Harrowing images of smoke rising from a narrow lane send a shockwave of anxiety through the populace. A sudden and frenzied rush to acquire safety equipment ensues. **Hardware stores are rapidly depleted of rope ladders, gas masks, and extinguishers as households attempt to retrofit their dwellings.** **[III]** Prices for these essential items often surge due to the sudden spike in demand. Dinner table conversation shifts abruptly to escape routes and the integrity of aging electrical systems that have largely gone unchecked for years.

Such vigilance is frequently ephemeral. The visceral shock of a disaster gradually recedes as daily survival demands erode the initial panic. The metal cages remain intact in practice because structural renovation involves prohibitive costs and effort. [IV] Many residents simply cannot afford to dismantle and rebuild their homes, even with the lingering fear. Life in the densely packed metropolis resumes its frenetic rhythm. The populace settles once again into a precarious complacency while waiting for the next siren to **shatter** the illusion of safety.

(Adapted from *Vietnam News.vn*)

Question 20 [1098040]: According to paragraph 1, the fortification of private living quarters to prevent unauthorized intrusion has inadvertently engineered _____.

- A. a facade of invulnerability designed to discourage unauthorized access to property
- B. the annexation of a supplementary area for holding possessions and deterring theft
- C. a structural modification that compromises the load-bearing capacity of the balconies
- D. a perilous confinement scenario characterized by the blockage of escape routes

Question 21 [1098041]: The word **They** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. Residents
- B. Concrete balconies
- C. High-density residential blocks
- D. Metal enclosures

Question 22 [1098042]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Fire hazards are intensified by spontaneous urban development featuring inaccessible pathways for rescue teams, alongside volatile electrical wiring and heavy congestion that hinders necessary escape routes.
- B. The chaotic urban layout signifies a noticeable failure of municipal planning, because narrow alleys prevent vehicle access while exposed wires produce fire traps that will endanger the dense local populace.
- C. Densely populated clusters face high risks because disordered electrical wiring frequently ignites, while the narrow alleyways subsequently prevent fire trucks from getting close enough to extinguish the flames.
- D. The inaccessibility of narrow alleyways for modern emergency vehicles creates a critical safety gap, implying an urgent need for specialized equipment to navigate the complex city streets and reach the fire.

Question 23 [1098043]: What specific logistical obstacle impedes fire trucks in residential clusters?

- A. The presence of tangled overhead cables that can ignite sudden fires.
- B. The necessity of using long hoses to reach the distant flames.
- C. The insufficient width of the winding paths for large rescue vehicles.
- D. The chaotic accumulation of parked motorbikes obstructs the daily traffic flow.

Question 24 [1098044]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Supplies of escape gear and fire safety equipment are vanishing from shops quickly as a result of families trying to equip their homes for better protection.
- B. Hardware outlets are rapidly exhausting their stocks of ladders and masks, seeking to personally retrofit the dwellings of local household residents.
- C. As families try to renovate their residences for greater comfort, local shops are witnessing a rapid drop in stocks of ladders and fire safety devices.
- D. The rapid exhaustion of safety supplies in shops is the factor driving households to attempt the retrofitting of their living spaces with new gear.

Question 25 [1098045]: What commercial reaction typically follows a widely reported fire incident?

- A. The obstruction of escape routes by the accumulation of personal vehicles.
- B. A rapid escalation in the cost of survival gear driven by sudden demand.
- C. The immediate installation of steel networks to deter theft and burglary.
- D. A gradual return to a mindset of false security and daily survival.

Question 26 [1098046]: The word **shatter** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. break
- B. interrupt
- C. reveal
- D. question

Question 27 [1098047]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The chaotic tangles of overhead electrical wiring are identified as the dominant ignition source for residential fires in congested urban neighborhoods.
- B. The presence of steel balcony enclosures renders exterior rescue operations by firefighters virtually impossible during a high-rise emergency.
- C. Financial constraints frequently compel residents to retain hazardous architectural features despite a persisting consciousness of the potential risks.
- D. The sudden scarcity of safety equipment in local hardware stores might stem from logistical supply chain failures triggered by the emergency.

Question 28 [1098048]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Hence, conventional accessibility is negated by the chaotic urban layout.

- A. [III]
- B. [IV]
- C. [I]
- D. [II]

Question 29 [1098049]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The proliferation of steel balconies signifies a cultural prioritization of property security over personal safety, creating a dangerous environment that persists despite the brief periods of public anxiety following major disasters.
- B. The absence of rigorous urban planning has effectively forced residents to install protective steel cages for security, a decision that combines with the city's narrow streets to create a virtually inescapable trap during emergencies.
- C. Heavy metal enclosures and restricted street access turn dense residential blocks into hazardous traps, a situation where fleeting public alarm inevitably fades because fixing these structural issues involves prohibitive costs.
- D. The persistent fire risk in high-density areas indicates an urgent demand for more stringent building regulations to mandate the dismantling of the hazardous architectural modifications in order to properly ensure public safety.

Read the following leaflet 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 30 to 35.

How to Master the Art of Sleep?

In our fast-paced society, sleep is often viewed as a luxury rather than a necessity. We glorify busyness; (30) _____, we often undervalue the power of rest. New medical studies highlight that a decline in cognitive function is often directly attributable (31) _____ chronic sleep deprivation. Here is how to reclaim your rest:

- Prioritize your schedule. There is (32) _____ substitute for a full night's sleep, so treat it as a non-negotiable appointment.
- Create a sanctuary. Maintain a (33) _____ to signal your body that it is time to wind down.
- Avoid blue light. The habitual use of electronic devices before bed is (34) _____ to the production of melatonin, the sleep hormone.
- Listen to your body. You cannot expect to operate at peak performance if you are constantly running on (35) _____.

(Adapted from *WikiHow*)

- Question 30** [1098050]: A. otherwise B. conversely C. additionally D. similarly
- Question 31** [1098051]: A. with B. by C. for D. to
- Question 32** [1098052]: A. no B. any C. none D. some
- Question 33** [1098053]: A. cool dark bedroom B. dark cool bedroom
C. bedroom cool dark D. bedroom dark cool
- Question 34** [1098054]: A. deleterious B. impervious C. superfluous D. frivolous
- Question 35** [1098055]: A. gas B. empty C. fumes D. steam

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

The Vietnamese entertainment landscape has recently undergone a seismic shift with the explosive popularity of male-centric reality competitions like *Anh Trai Vượt Ngàn Chông Gai* and *Anh Trai Say Hi*. These programs have successfully revitalized the careers of veteran performers while simultaneously catapulting fresh faces into the spotlight by assembling diverse ensembles, (36) _____, thrusting them into a high-pressure environment where collaborative survival supersedes individual ambition. Unlike traditional talent searches that foster cutthroat isolation, these formats necessitate a complex negotiation of identity within a group dynamic.

Friction is inevitable in such a creative crucible, as established artistic egos frequently clash over musical arrangements and stage concepts. Yet, when confronted with the exigency of delivering a spectacle that honors their legacy while appealing to a modern demographic, these artists, despite harboring deep-seated reservations about diluting their established personal brand identities, (37) _____, recognizing that the synergy of the collective is the only path to reinventing their legacy. This evolution from rivalry to brotherhood constructs a compelling narrative arc. (38) _____. It is this vulnerability and mutual support that transform a mere televised variety show into a profound commentary on modern masculinity.

Beyond the glitter of choreography and vocal prowess, the enduring resonance of these shows stems from the raw, unscripted moments of connection that occur behind the scenes. (39) _____. In a digital era often criticized for its curated superficiality, audiences are starving for depth, and consequently, (40) _____, creating a cultural phenomenon that extends far beyond the broadcast.

(Adapted from *English.vtv.vn*)

Question 36 [1098056]:

- A. the vast majority of whom have already navigated the dizzying heights of fame
- B. and navigating the heights of fame that already dizzyed the vast majority of them
- C. which the dizziness of navigating high fame has already significantly heightened them
- D. as well as the height of fame, is already a dizzying navigation for the vast majority

Question 37 [1098057]:

- A. the tendency of mutual gravitation driven by a respectful consensus
- B. is tentative in the drive towards a consensus of mutual gravitation
- C. but mutual respect tends to drive a gravitational consensus instead
- D. tend to gravitate towards a consensus driven by mutual respect

Question 38 [1098058]:

- A. The greater good of the personal ego effectively suppresses the central efficacy of this transformative process
- B. Central to the efficacy of this transformative process is the suppression of personal ego for the greater good
- C. Processing the suppression of the greater good is central to the effective transformation of the personal ego
- D. The personal ego is effectively suppressed by the central transformation of this process for the greater good

Question 39 [1098059]:

- A. Camaraderie would feel manufactured rather than organic if the performances were not genuinely for the act itself
- B. Were it not for the genuineness of this camaraderie, the performances would feel manufactured rather than organic
- C. If genuine camaraderie manufactures organic performances, they would feel so, rather than for the lack of genuineness
- D. The genuine performance of this camaraderie manufactures an organic feel, were it not for the feeling of manufacture

Question 40 [1098060]:

- A. authenticating the viewer's emotion is what captivates their bonding
- B. are the emotional bond that authenticates the viewer's captivation
- C. the viewer authentically bonds with the captivation of emotion
- D. what captivates the viewer is the authenticity of their emotional bond

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The societal normalization of chronic sleep deprivation is a growing public health concern. The problem is rooted in a culture of 24/7 productivity, the glorification of "hustle culture", a mindset that disproportionately affects young professionals, and (1) _____, a collection of pressures that reframe rest as a luxury rather than a biological necessity.

The physical toll of this epidemic is well-documented, with studies linking it directly to cardiovascular disease. The mental health consequences, however, are often more insidious, a reality that many individuals tend to underestimate, (2) _____, an outcome that leaves the brain emotionally volatile and cognitively impaired.

A significant part of the problem is a widespread misunderstanding of sleep's function. (3) _____. Sleep is not a passive "off" state; rather, it is an active biological process crucial for memory consolidation and cellular repair. (4) _____. This failure leads to a public health discourse that focuses on symptoms, like fatigue, rather than on the root cause.

Addressing this public health issue, which has implications for everything from economic productivity to public safety, requires an approach that operates on two distinct levels simultaneously: it must involve policy-level interventions, such as public education campaigns and workplace regulations, in equal measure (5) _____ that empower individuals to reclaim their right to rest.

(Adapted from MDPI)

Question 1 [1098061]:

- A. the pervasive belief that personal worth is directly tied to output
- B. in the personal worth of believing in the pervasive, direct tie to output
- C. personally believes that the worth is directly tied to output is pervasive
- D. the pervasiveness of the belief is the direct tie between personal worth and output

Question 2 [1098062]:

- A. even if the accumulation of underlying chemicals is noticeably imbalanced long before any overt symptoms
- B. in the event that the notice of underlying chemical imbalances accumulates long before any overt symptoms appear
- C. because the underlying chemical imbalances accumulate long before any overt symptoms appear noticeable
- D. even though the underlying chemical imbalances become noticeable long before any overt symptoms accumulate.

Question 3 [1098063]:

- A. The biology of rest is still viewed as an unproductive indulgence rather than a non-negotiable need.
- B. Many still view rest as an unproductive indulgence rather than a non-negotiable biological need
- C. Indulging in unproductive rest is still viewed as a non-negotiable need, rather than biologically driven
- D. Rest's non-negotiable biological necessity is still viewed by many as an unproductive indulgence

Question 4 [1098064]:

- A. Personal and public health agendas are often ignored, meaning this widespread misconception includes "sleep hygiene"
- B. This widespread misconception means that "sleep hygiene" is often ignored in personal and public health agendas
- C. The widespread ignorance of "sleep hygiene" means that personal and public health agendas are often misconceived
- D. That people widely misconceive personal and public health agendas means that "sleep hygiene" is often ignored

Question 5 [1098065]:

- A. must re-evaluate the culture of stigma associated with rest
- B. a cultural association between rest and the stigma of re-evaluation
- C. with a cultural re-evaluation of the stigma associated with rest
- D. that culturally re-evaluates the association between stigma and rest

Read the 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.

A corporate realignment is abruptly terminating the era of flexible work. Major companies, one after another, are rescinding remote policies and issuing compulsory return-to-office mandates. The unequivocal nature of these directives is notable. It is happening despite extensive productivity metrics from the remote period remaining high. The messaging suggests a complete repudiation of the employee-centric models celebrated just two years prior, creating significant friction within the professional class.

Public justifications for the mandates invariably focus on intangible concepts. Executives expound on the necessity of "spontaneous collaboration," "corporate culture," and "in-person mentorship." Such elements are notoriously difficult to quantify. **Their** value provides a convenient, unfalsifiable rationale for policies that profoundly disrupt employee lives. The **nebulous** idea of "culture" is being employed to enforce a return to centralized, high-cost physical spaces, often without clear evidence that proximity actually improves output.

The professional workforce, having recalibrated their lives and domestic arrangements around a new flexibility, views the mandates as arbitrary and a breach of trust. They point to their own proven output as superior evidence against the need for a physical return. The response is not open rebellion, but a wave of disengagement. Companies are observing heightened attrition among top performers and a rise in "quiet quitting." The forced return has fostered a **fractious** work environment, characterized by sullen compliance and a measurable erosion of employee morale.

Underlying the official justifications are more prosaic financial pressures. Vast, expensive commercial real estate portfolios, locked into long-term leases, sit perilously underutilized. A return to offices is seen as a way to justify these immense overheads. Furthermore, an entire class of managers, whose roles were defined by direct, visible oversight, has struggled to adapt. The push is widely interpreted by employees as a blunt attempt to reassert pre-pandemic managerial hierarchies and restore a visibly monitored, centralized workforce.

(Adapted from *ScienceDirect*)

Question 6 [1098066]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an official justification executives use for mandating a return to the office?

- A. Spontaneous collaboration
- B. Corporate culture
- C. In-person mentorship
- D. Enhanced employee well-being

Question 7 [1098067]: The word **Their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Executives
- B. Public justifications
- C. Elements
- D. Employee lives

Question 8 [1098068]: The word **nebulous** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. modern
- B. vague
- C. unpopular
- D. complex

Question 9 [1098069]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Professional employees, who have realigned their domestic lives around this new autonomy, see the mandates as arbitrary and a sign of disrespect for their personal time.
- B. The directives are perceived as unreasonable and a violation of confidence by professional staff, who have already reorganized their home lives around new autonomy.
- C. The professional workforce's realignment of their home lives around new autonomy explains why they view the mandates as both arbitrary and a violation of confidence.
- D. The professional workforce views the mandates as arbitrary, a decision which causes a breach of trust for those who had realigned their lives around the new flexibility.

Question 10 [1098070]: The word **fractious** in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. productive B. harmonious C. quiet D. professional

Question 11 [1098071]: Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. A documented erosion of employee morale stems from managerial difficulties with adapting to new work models.
B. The mandates are a reversal of policies celebrated two years ago, specifically for improving remote productivity.
C. Companies are providing specialized retraining to help managers adjust their methods from visible to remote oversight.
D. The official corporate justifications for the recalls are built upon concepts that are intentionally difficult to disprove.

Question 12 [1098072]: Which paragraph mentions that companies are losing their best workers due to the new policy?

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

Question 13 [1098073]: Which paragraph mentions that a hidden reason for the return is to justify the cost of unused buildings?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

In the wake of Typhoon Matmo's destructive passage, the provinces of Thái Nguyên and Bắc Ninh, regions situated deep inland, grappled with an unprecedented catastrophe. Rivers, engorged by torrential rainfall, overflowed their banks with astonishing speed, submerging entire villages in a viscous torrent of mud and debris. The initial hours were a period of profound disarray, a chaotic scramble for survival long before formal relief efforts could be fully mobilized. **[I]** During this critical window, a different kind of response began to stir, a digital cascade of urgent calls for help and action across social media platforms.

Makeshift convoys, organized with remarkable alacrity, began departing from Hanoi and other unaffected areas. The participants were not official emergency crews, but grassroots coalitions of university students, small business owners, and other concerned citizens. Their personal vehicles were packed not with sophisticated rescue equipment, but with the essential staples of immediate survival: cartons of instant noodles for sustenance, clean drinking water to combat contamination, blankets for warmth, and basic medical supplies. **[II]** The effort was a direct, communal reaction to a stream of harrowing online images depicting families stranded on rooftops and homes submerged to their eaves.

The on-the-ground work proved to be **arduous** and emotionally taxing. Young people, many clad in inadequate footwear and with no prior experience in disaster relief, found themselves wading through waist-deep mud under an oppressive humidity. [III] They assisted residents in the backbreaking task of shoveling dense sludge from their homes, salvaging what few personal belongings remained, and helping to secure temporary shelters against the elements. **The atmosphere was one of grim determination, a shared sense of urgency that superseded any formal organizational hierarchy.**

The spontaneous mobilization following the floods is a powerful, modern expression of the nation's ingrained spirit of mutual support. The event highlighted a growing capacity for rapid, decentralized altruism, galvanized by digital connectivity but fueled by a traditional sense of collective responsibility. It showed a civic response that often outpaced the more methodical, bureaucratic channels of official aid. [IV] In an era of escalating climate-related disasters that strike with increasing unpredictability, the resilience of a community is measured not only by its official preparedness, but by the instinct of **its** ordinary citizens to act decisively in the face of a neighbor's crisis.

(Adapted from *VietNamNet*)

Question 14 [1098074]: According to paragraph 1, the period immediately following the typhoon's passage _____.

- A. was an unprecedented catastrophe because Thái Nguyên and Bắc Ninh are deep inland
- B. was characterized by widespread disorder before organized assistance was available
- C. was a chaotic scramble to stop the viscous mud and debris from submerging villages
- D. was a critical window where formal relief was mobilized by a digital cascade on social media

Question 15 [1098075]: The word **arduous** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. strenuous
- B. lengthy
- C. complex
- D. specialized

Question 16 [1098076]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Motivated by online images of the disaster, grassroots coalitions of ordinary citizens rapidly organized convoys from other areas, bringing essential survival supplies like food and water to the victims.
- B. A well-organized relief effort was formed by private citizens using their own cars to transport survival supplies after seeing the scale of the devastation that was depicted on various social media platforms.
- C. Grassroots coalitions of citizens organized convoys with survival supplies, focusing their relief efforts on the more remote villages that they knew formal emergency crews would be unable to reach in time.
- D. Prompted by calls for aid from student groups on social media, many business owners and other citizens organized convoys with their personal vehicles to bring essential survival supplies to the flood victims.

Question 17 [1098077]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a type of vital aid provided by the grassroots convoys departing from Hanoi?

- A. Cartons of instant noodles B. Clean drinking water
 C. Sophisticated rescue equipment D. Basic medical supplies

Question 18 [1098078]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The citizen-led relief operation achieved a speed of response that official aid mechanisms could not initially match during the flood crisis.
 B. The period of disorder immediately after the floods means governmental emergency protocols were unprepared for the disaster's actual scale.
 C. Volunteers brought sustenance items like noodles based on a belief that such supplies addressed victims' most pressing immediate requirements.
 D. The difficult rescue environment was made considerably harder for volunteers because they lacked specialized disaster response training.

Question 19 [1098079]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. The formal organizational hierarchy was overridden by a collective feeling of immediacy, an intense, shared resolve that defined the atmosphere.
 B. The absence of a formal organizational hierarchy fostered a shared sense of immediacy, creating the grim determination that pervaded the air.
 C. A grim sense of determination permeated the air, fostering a shared feeling of urgency that in turn overrode the formal organizational structure.
 D. The group's shared immediacy was a conscious tool they used to bypass the formal organizational hierarchy, creating the grim atmosphere.

Question 20 [1098080]: What factors combined to create the rapid decentralized response?

- A. The slow and methodical bureaucratic channels of official government aid.
 B. Online connectivity combined with a traditional sense of communal duty.
 C. The spirit of mutual support and the instinct to act decisively in a crisis.
 D. The increasing unpredictability of escalating climate-related disasters.

Question 21 [1098081]: The word **its** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. resilience B. preparedness C. community D. instinct

Question 22 [1098082]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

For many viewers, the online posts provided the impetus for personal engagement.

- A. [I] B. [III] C. [IV] D. [II]

Question 23 [1098083]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Following a destructive inland flood, a citizen-led relief effort, mobilized through social media, responded faster than official channels, an event that demonstrates how modern technology can amplify a traditional sense of community support.
- B. The rapid, citizen-led relief effort that followed a major flood served to highlight the significant shortcomings and the slow response time of the more bureaucratic, methodical official government aid channels during a major national crisis.
- C. The spontaneous relief effort that followed a major flood, organized by citizens on social media, has now become a new model for disaster response in Vietnam, prompting discussions on how to better integrate these grassroots efforts with official aid.
- D. In the wake of a major flood, a grassroots relief effort emerged, showing that while digital connectivity was a useful tool for organization, the response was fueled almost entirely by the nation's ingrained, traditional spirit of collective responsibility.

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 24 to 29.

🌟 Introducing Taste Haven - Your New Culinary Destination in Ha Noi! 🌟

Discover the (24) _____ at **Taste Haven**, where flavors from around the world come together to delight your senses. Located in the heart of Ha Noi, our restaurant offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere, perfect (25) _____ any occasion.

Why Choose Taste Haven?

🍷 Exquisite Cuisine: Our talented chefs craft each dish with the finest ingredients (26) _____ every bite is a culinary masterpiece.

🌿 Fresh & Local: "We take pride in creating mouthwatering dishes with fresh ingredients (27) _____ locally, supporting our community.

🍷 Fine Drinks: Enjoy a carefully curated selection of wines, cocktails, and non-alcoholic beverages to complement your meal.

🎵 Live Entertainment: Unwind with live music performances that (28) _____ the perfect mood for your dining experience.

Special Offers:

🌟 Grand Opening Special: Enjoy a(n) (29) _____ dessert with every main course during our opening week!

Question 24 [1098084]: A. dining experience ultimate B. dining ultimate experience
C. experience dining ultimate D. ultimate dining experience

Question 25 [1098085]: A. for B. with C. to D. in

Question 26 [1098086]: A. to ensure B. to ensuring C. ensure D. ensured

Question 27 [1098087]: A. is sourced B. sourcing C. sourced D. which sourced

Question 28 [1098088]: A. make B. get C. take D. set

Question 29 [1098089]: A. amazed B. amazing C. amaze D. amazement

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 30 to 35.

Stop Cyberbullying: Take Action Now

Cyberbullying involves using digital platforms to harass, intimidate, or humiliate individuals. This harmful behavior can cause significant emotional (30) _____, leading to anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. (31) _____ traditional bullying, cyberbullying can occur 24/7 and instantly reach a much wider audience.

Recognize the Signs:

- Avoiding devices or showing (32) _____ noticeable changes in behavior.
- Expressing unexplained anger, sadness, or frustration after being online.
- Experiencing physical symptoms, such as headaches or disturbed sleep (33) _____.

What to Do if You're Targeted:

- **Don't Engage:** Avoid responding to bullies.
- **Save Evidence:** Keep (34) _____ of any bullying incidents, such as screenshots or messages.
- **Report It:** Use the reporting features available on social media platforms.
- **Seek Support:** Talk to trusted friends, family members, or professionals for help.

Together, we can create a safer online environment. (35) _____ cyberbullying today!

Question 30 [1098090]: A. destruction

B. damage

C. devastation

D. deterioration

Question 31 [1098091]: A. Despite

B. Unlike

C. Regardless of

D. Rather than

Question 32 [1098092]: A. other

B. others

C. another

D. the other

Question 33 [1098093]: A. losses

B. issues

C. patterns

D. times

Question 34 [1098094]: A. numbers

B. quantity

C. records

D. amount

Question 35 [1098095]: A. Look up to

B. Think back on

C. Come up with

D. Stand up against

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 36 to 40.

Question 36 [1098096]:

a. Tom: Sounds good! I can benefit from a workout. What time are you thinking?

b. Lily: How about around 5? It won't be too hot by then.

c. Lily: I'm planning to go for a run in the park later. Do you want to join me?

A. c - a - b

B. b - c - a

C. c - b - a

D. a - c - b

Question 37 [1098097]:

- a. Ben: That's great to hear! Do you have any specific theme in mind for your room makeover?
- b. Sam: Thanks! I'll start by picking out some plants this weekend.
- c. Sam: I'm thinking of adding some greenery and natural lighting to make it feel more relaxing.
- d. Ben: That makes sense! They'll definitely create a calming atmosphere.
- e. Sam: I want to refresh my room because it feels a bit dull lately.

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

Question 38 [1098098]:

Hi Tom,

- a. I can't believe it's been so long since we last caught up!
- b. Maybe we could plan a hike together soon. It'd be a great way to reconnect.
- c. I remember the last trail we hiked was so beautiful, and I'd love to do something similar.
- d. Let me know if you're free sometime this month—I'll make sure to bring snacks!
- e. Hope you're doing well and enjoying your new job.

Take care,

Alex

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

Question 39 [1098099]:

- a. At first, I was unsure how to approach teaching the children, but I quickly learned effective techniques.
- b. To sum up, I'm thrilled about the opportunity to help these kids improve their reading skills and proud of the progress they've made.
- c. My fellow volunteers and I work together to create engaging activities that make learning enjoyable for everyone.
- d. I have gained valuable experience in education and mentoring since I began volunteering at the local literacy program.
- e. Currently, we're organizing a reading challenge that requires careful planning and coordination.

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

Question 40 [1098100]:

- a. For instance, traveling becomes more enjoyable and meaningful when you can communicate with locals, making each interaction a chance to learn something new.
- b. Studies show that bilingual individuals often have improved cognitive abilities, which can lead to better problem-solving skills and memory retention.
- c. Being able to speak another language not only opens doors to new cultural experiences but also allows people to connect more deeply with others.
- d. Learning a second language has become a popular goal for people of all ages.
- e. Moreover, language skills are highly valued in today's global job market, where employers seek candidates who can communicate across cultures.

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

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The historical image of a teacher as a distant figure of authority, whose primary role was to dispense information, is increasingly out of step with modern educational needs. The traditional dynamic, which many modern educators now rightly criticize, was a system where students were expected to passively receive knowledge, memorize facts for examinations, adhere to a rigid classroom hierarchy that discouraged open discussions, or (1) _____.

Today's educational environment, where information is abundant and freely accessible online, calls for a significant re-evaluation of this relationship. While the teacher's expertise remains crucial, their function is shifting from that of a sole information provider to one of a facilitator, a role that becomes increasingly vital (2) _____. This change does not diminish the teacher's importance; on the contrary, it elevates it. (3) _____.

(4) _____. This closer bond, however, requires a delicate balance, as the line between being a supportive mentor and an overly familiar friend can sometimes become blurred. If this new partnership is to be truly effective, the teacher's primary function must be re-envisioned, so that the pedagogical goal becomes not merely transmitting static information, which is a hallmark of outdated teaching styles, and instead (5) _____ on their own initiative.

(Adapted from *ResearchGate*)

Question 1 [1098101]:

- A. the unquestionable truth of the textbook's contents is a single source accepted
- B. accept the textbook's contents as the single, unquestionable source of truth
- C. question the truth in the textbook's contents and not accept it as a single source
- D. till the textbook could be accepted as the unquestionable and truthful source

Question 2 [1098102]:

- A. although the credibility of information is less of a challenge than simply accessing it
- B. as the challenge is no longer accessing information, but rather discerning its credibility
- C. if discerning credible information is no longer a challenge, but rather its accessibility
- D. while information must be accessed before its credibility can be challenged or discerned

Question 3 [1098103]:

- A. As a matter of fact, inspiring curiosity is now considered a far less valuable capacity for a teacher than the ability to recite memorized facts
- B. To be more specific, a teacher's curiosity about inspiring memorable facts is now considered far more valuable than their recitation ability
- C. Similarly, the value of a teacher's recitation of facts is now considered far less memorable than their capability to inspire curiosity
- D. Specifically, the capacity of a teacher to inspire curiosity is now considered far more valuable than their ability to recite facts from memory

Question 4 [1098104]:

- A. Building a relationship on mutual respect and trust fosters a more engaging learning atmosphere
- B. A more engaging atmosphere for learning is fostered in order to build a mutually respectful relationship
- C. Engaging learning in an atmosphere of mutual respect is fostered to build a trusting relationship
- D. Mutual respect in a learning atmosphere fosters trust for building a more engaging relationship

Question 5 [1098105]:

- A. their growing insight is what drives the formulation of their questions
- B. of the insight from their questions being the driver for formulating their growth
- C. formulating the insightful questions which are the drivers of their growth
- D. the formulation of insight from their questions is the driver that makes them grow

Read the 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.

Recent confirmations from both Australian and U.S. government agencies have verified a sobering ecological event. The Great Barrier Reef, the planet's largest living structure, is experiencing a widespread and severe mass bleaching episode. The development is not an isolated regional problem but part of a global pattern of coral reef degradation driven by persistently rising ocean temperatures. These vibrant and vital ecosystems, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, are **succumbing** to the pressures of a warming world.

The biological mechanism behind bleaching is a stress response to **inordinate** heat. Coral polyps, the tiny animals that build the reef, have a crucial symbiotic partnership with algae called zooxanthellae that live within their tissues. These algae provide the coral with its primary food source through photosynthesis and are responsible for its spectacular coloration. When subjected to prolonged thermal stress, the corals expel the algae. Left without them, the coral's transparent tissue reveals its white calcified skeleton, though **it** is not yet dead. It is, however, in a state of starvation and extreme vulnerability to disease.

For the Great Barrier Reef, this is the fourth catastrophic mass bleaching event recorded since 2016. Aerial surveys conducted by the marine park authority revealed that over 75% of shallow-water corals across multiple regions were affected. The frequency of these serial bleaching events prevents the reef from having adequate time to recover, leading to cumulative and potentially irreversible damage. "This is tragic. It is heartbreaking," stated David Ritter, the chief executive of Greenpeace Australia Pacific. "This is a direct result of the heating of our planet."

The loss of coral reefs has cascading consequences far beyond marine biodiversity. These keystone ecosystems act as natural barriers, protecting coastlines from storms and erosion, a service that is increasingly critical in an era of more extreme weather. They also support the livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people globally through fishing and tourism. **The slow, silent death of a coral reef is a stark and unambiguous indicator of a planet under duress, a visible sign of the profound impact of global warming on the natural world.**

(Adapted from *The Conversation*)

Question 6 [1098106]: The word **succumbing** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. adapting B. withstanding C. shrinking D. experiencing

Question 7 [1098107]: The word **inordinate** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. excessive B. prolonged C. unusual D. damaging

Question 8 [1098108]: The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the algae B. transparent tissue
 C. white calcified skeleton D. the coral

Question 9 [1098109]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an immediate consequence for a coral after it has expelled its symbiotic algae?

- A. Exposure of its white skeleton B. A state of starvation
 C. Vulnerability to disease D. Irreversible damage

Question 10 [1098110]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. The profound effect of global warming on nature is made visibly and undeniably clear by the slow, quiet demise of a coral reef, a signal that the planet itself is in distress.
 B. A coral reef's slow and silent degradation is a significant cause of worldwide planetary stress, serving as a visible warning of global warming's strong environmental effects.
 C. The gradual, quiet decay of a coral reef clearly indicates the impact of global warming, an impact that is itself caused by the immense pressure affecting the natural world.
 D. The quiet deterioration of a coral reef is an undeniable signal of a world in crisis and is likewise a tangible manifestation of global warming's serious impact on human beings.

Question 11 [1098111]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. In a bleaching episode, the symbiotic algae living within the coral tissues perish, revealing the white skeleton of the living coral host.
- B. The high frequency of mass bleaching episodes in recent years significantly slows down the natural recovery timeline for the reef ecosystem.
- C. The recurrent nature of recent bleaching events is linked to a failure in the photosynthetic process of the corals' symbiotic algae.
- D. The structural formations of coral reefs provide coastal regions with a valuable defense against the destructive forces of severe weather.

Question 12 [1098112]: Which paragraph mentions the recurring nature of the problem hindering the ecosystem's recovery?

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

Question 13 [1098113]: Which paragraph mentions the human economic and safety benefits provided by coral reefs?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

Coined by author Janine Benyus, "biomimicry", the conscious emulation of life's genius, has become a celebrated concept in sustainable innovation. We see its successes in designs like the Shinkansen Bullet Train, inspired by a kingfisher's beak, and buildings that cool themselves based on termite mounds; [I] innovations often hailed as vital for building a more sustainable future. But a crucial question remains: are we genuinely learning from nature's wisdom, or are we simply continuing a pattern of exploitation under a more elegant name?

The dominant scientific paradigm is rooted in rationalism, an approach that seeks certainty by extracting parts of nature from their environment to be examined in isolation. While this method offers analytical power, it has profound limitations. [II] It tends to overlook the web of relationships and the "continual dialogue" inherent in all living systems. This leads to a worldview that emphasizes competition—the "selfish gene"—while marginalizing the reciprocity and resilience that emerge from an ecosystem's interconnectedness. Recently, however, a growing number of ecologists are finding that what may have appeared as purely competitive relations often fosters resilience at the ecosystem level, benefiting both the whole and **its** parts.

This ethical blind spot becomes alarmingly clear in some modern applications of biomimicry. Consider the spectacle of spiders pinned down alive in a laboratory to have their silk extracted for human benefit. Is this really the "conscious emulation" Benyus

described? [III] It is, rather, a display of the same hubris that **precipitated** our current ecological crises. The original Greek meaning of mimesis (imitation) implies a deeper connection. It requires the imitator to empathetically embody that which is being imitated—a wisdom sourced from perception and our ability to share in what another feels.

Put more bluntly, scientific rationalism alone will not solve our sustainability crisis. Simply dealing with symptoms like carbon emissions, ocean dead zones, or factory farming fails to address the underlying cause: our dysfunctional relationship with the natural world. [IV] Our analytical examination of nature is important, but only as part of a richer, more participatory engagement. **For biomimicry to fulfill its transformative potential, it must evolve beyond mere engineering and embrace a deeper way of engaging with life that is at once scientific, sensuous, and spiritual.**

Question 14 [1098114]: A crucial uncertainty surrounding the practice of biomimicry concerns _____.

- A. its hailed status as a vital tool for building a more sustainable future
- B. the success of innovations like the Shinkansen Bullet Train and self-cooling buildings
- C. the definition of the concept as the conscious emulation of life's genius
- D. whether its motive is genuine learning or misuse disguised by appealing terminology

Question 15 [1098115]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. The prevailing scientific method is limited because its focus on isolating natural elements for study causes it to overlook the importance of interconnectedness and to prioritize competition over the resilience that emerges from ecosystem-wide relationships.
- B. The rationalist scientific paradigm is based on a now-outdated focus on competition, like the "selfish gene" theory, a view which is being challenged by modern ecologists who are discovering the importance of reciprocity and interconnectedness in nature.
- C. In order to achieve its analytical power, the dominant scientific paradigm must extract natural elements from their context, a necessary trade-off that unfortunately leads it to overemphasize competition while overlooking an ecosystem's inherent resilience.
- D. The traditional scientific emphasis on competition is being re-evaluated because ecologists are now finding that symbiotic relationships between species, once thought to be rare, are actually a common and crucial source of an ecosystem's overall resilience.

Question 16 [1098116]: What shortcoming does the author attribute to the practice of examining natural parts in isolation?

- A. The inability to provide powerful analytical insights into the natural world.
- B. An overview of the network of connections and constant exchanges in nature.
- C. An overemphasis on the resilience and reciprocity found within ecosystems.
- D. A requirement to study living systems within their native environments.

Question 17 [1098117]: The word **its** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. resilience
B. competition
C. ecosystem's interconnectedness
D. the ecosystem

Question 18 [1098118]: The word **precipitated** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. hastened
B. worsened
C. predicted
D. defined

Question 19 [1098119]: What example is given of biomimicry being applied unethically?

- A. The design of a high-speed train based on a kingfisher's beak.
B. The creation of buildings that cool themselves like termite mounds.
C. The isolation of natural parts for detailed and rational examination.
D. The forcible harvesting of silk from living, immobilized spiders.

Question 20 [1098120]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. For biomimicry to fulfill its transformative potential, it must evolve beyond engineering to apply scientific principles in embracing a deeper, more sensuous and spiritual engagement with life.
B. Biomimicry's transformative potential is achieved when its engineering aspect serves as a foundation for a deeper engagement with life that becomes spiritual, sensuous, and also scientific.
C. Biomimicry can fulfill its transformative potential by evolving beyond mere engineering and embracing a deeper way of engaging with life that is at once scientific, sensuous, and spiritual.
D. To realize its transformative potential, biomimicry must evolve beyond engineering, using its scientific and sensuous aspects to foster a deeper spiritual connection with the natural world.

Question 21 [1098121]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Recent ecological discoveries concerning resilience and reciprocity have effectively invalidated the long-standing "selfish gene" theory of evolution.
B. The author's call for a more sensuous and spiritual engagement with nature is a viewpoint now gaining considerable traction in the scientific community.
C. The controversial laboratory extraction of spider silk is a necessary, albeit difficult, step on the path to achieving genuine "conscious emulation".
D. Based on the term's original meaning, a genuine approach to biomimicry involves an attempt to share in the lived experience of the life form being copied.

Question 22 [1098122]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

A fundamental change in outlook is needed, not just superficial actions.

- A. [III] B. [I] C. [IV] D. [II]

Question 23 [1098123]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The idea of biomimicry has been misused due to a rationalist scientific method focused on exploitation, which suggests that a truly sustainable path requires setting aside this analytical view in favor of a more intuitive and spiritual wisdom
- B. The potential of biomimicry is being held back by a detached scientific method that enables unethical extraction; for the concept to succeed, it must incorporate a more profound and participatory connection with the natural world.
- C. The potential of biomimicry is limited by a science that emphasizes competition; this has led to ethically questionable applications, so the solution is to find and copy the more cooperative and resilient models that can be found in nature.
- D. While biomimicry is a celebrated modern innovation, its application has been flawed by an extractive scientific mindset, a departure from the more empathetic and holistic principles of imitation that were first developed in Eastern philosophies.

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 24 to 29.

30 Minutes a Day - That Will Change Your Life

All you need is the desire (24)_____. We take care of the rest.

(25)_____ all the digital language learning methods, ours is probably the one that most closely mimics the natural language acquisition process. It stands out for its effectiveness, (26)_____, and its ability to produce quick and tangible results. You won't need to immediately understand (27)_____. The explanations will come gradually.

All you need is to invest 30 minutes a day (in one or two sessions) at least five days a week. If you don't have this time to learn a language, we won't be able to help you. Our method is designed for people (28)_____ a peaceful and supportive learning experience, far from stressful or compulsive methods.

With our course, you will achieve your language learning goals and (29)_____ real progress every day. Join Loecsen today and start your journey to fluency!

Question 24 [1098124]: A. to learn B. to learning C. learn D. learning

Question 25 [1098125]: A. For B. Under C. With D. Of

Question 26 [1098126]: A. simple B. simply C. simplicity D. simplify

Question 27 [1098127]: A. grammatical complex structures

B. complex grammatical structures

C. complex structures grammatical

D. structures grammatical complex

Question 28 [1098128]: A. who seeks B. seek C. sought D. seeking

Question 29 [1098129]: A. run B. make C. launch D. raise

Read the following leaflet 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 30 to 35.

Vincent van Gogh

(30)_____ Vincent van Gogh was virtually unknown and poor throughout his life, he is considered one of the greatest Dutch painters of the post-Impressionist era.

Early life and Family

Van Gogh was born on March 30, 1853, in Groot-Zundert, Netherlands. His mother was a moody artist whose love of nature, drawing and watercolors was (31)_____ to her son.

At age 15, van Gogh's family was struggling financially, and he was forced to (32)_____ school and go to work.

In the fall of 1880, van Gogh decided to move to Brussels and later to Paris to become an artist. Van Gogh was passionate, and he argued with other painters about their works, (33)_____ those who became tired of his bickering.

Paintings

Vincent van Gogh completed more than 2,100 works, consisting of 860 oil paintings and more than 1,300 watercolors, drawings, and (34)_____.

Several of his paintings now rank among the most expensive in the world; "Irises" sold for a record \$53.9 million, and his "Portrait of Dr. Gachet" sold for \$82.5 million. (35)_____ of van Gogh's most well-known artworks include "Starry Night", "Sunflowers" and "Self-Portrait"

(Adapted from *Biography.com*)

Question 30 [1098130]: A. Although B. Despite C. Hence D. On account of

Question 31 [1098131]: A. transmitted B. converted C. transferred D. transformed

Question 32 [1098132]: A. look up to B. catch up with
C. drop out of D. come up with

Question 33 [1098133]: A. conquering B. invading C. abducting D. alienating

Question 34 [1098134]: A. lyrics B. sketches C. palettes D. rhythms

Question 35 [1098135]: A. A little B. A few C. None D. Much

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 36 to 40.

Question 36 [1098136]:

a. Alex: That's awesome! I think she's going to fit right in with our group.

b. Alex: Hey, did you meet the new classmate today?

c. Taylor: Yeah, I did! Her name is Mia, and she's from Barcelona. She's really friendly and has a great sense of humor.

A. a-c-b

B. c-b-a

C. b-c-a

D. b-a-c

Question 37 [1098137]:

- a. Shop assistant: Certainly, but can you let me know about your needs first?
 b. Shop assistant: Hello, can I help you?
 c. Shop assistant: Then I think this laptop is the best one for you. You can take a look at it. Feel free to ask me if you need further information.
 d. Tim: Hello. I'm looking for a laptop. Can you please recommend a good one to me?
 e. Tim: Sure. I'm a student, so I'd like a cheap and light laptop.

(Adapted from *Global Success*)

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

Question 38 [1098138]:

Dear Jack,

- a. I fear that we simply don't have enough food, energy, or water for further urban growth.
 b. I'm worried that all these challenges will mean the prices of energy, food and water will continue to increase.
 c. Since 91% of Japanese live in urban centres, I'm fearful that many people will be in danger if there are any environmental threats, such as flooding, earthquakes, tropical cyclones, heat waves, or epidemics.
 d. This will cause serious problems for the poor, making it difficult for them to survive.
 e. In my geography class today, we learned about future cities, and I'm concerned about Tokyo's future.
 f. As megacities expand, the demand for energy to power a megacity will also increase. More food will need to be grown, but there will be less available farmland due to the expansion of cities.

Best,

Michiko

(Adapted from *Discovery*)

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

Question 39 [1098139]:

- a. On the positive side, peer pressure can encourage individuals to strive for excellence, adopt healthy habits, or engage in pro-social activities.
 b. This influence can be both positive and negative, depending on the context.
 c. It is crucial for individuals to recognize the impact of peer pressure and develop the confidence to make independent decisions that align with their values and beliefs.
 d. Peer pressure is a powerful force that can influence individuals to conform to the behaviors, attitudes, or values of their peers.
 e. Conversely, negative peer pressure can lead to risky behaviors, such as substance abuse, cheating, or bullying.

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

Question 40 [1098140]:

- a. Ultimately, this commitment to preservation fosters a sense of continuity and respect for the diverse cultures that have shaped our world.
- b. Moreover, efforts to conserve and protect relics involve meticulous restoration techniques, climate-controlled environments, and the implementation of strict handling protocols.
- c. Preserving relics is essential for maintaining the connection to our shared history and cultural heritage.
- d. Therefore, by safeguarding these relics, we ensure that future generations can learn from and appreciate the rich tapestry of human history.
- e. Firstly, these artifacts provide tangible links to past civilizations, offering insights into their daily lives, beliefs, and achievements.
- f. Additionally, public awareness and education about the importance of preservation play a critical role in garnering support for these initiatives.

A. f-d-a-c-e-b

B. d-e-a-b-c-f

C. c-e-b-f-d-a

D. c-e-d-f-b-a

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

While large-scale environmental issues like deforestation and melting ice caps often dominate headlines, a more insidious crisis is quietly unfolding: the drastic decline of insect populations worldwide. This issue involves more than just the loss of a few species; it entails the disruption of entire ecosystems, the imperilment of countless plant species that rely on insects for pollination, the breakdown of natural nutrient cycles which are essential for soil health, or (1) _____.

Although the exact rate of decline varies by region, scientists generally agree that the problem is widespread, a consensus that has been built upon decades of meticulous research, (2) _____. The causes are manifold and interconnected, ranging from habitat loss and pesticide use to climate change and light pollution. (3) _____.

(4) _____. Recognizing that insects form the base of many terrestrial and freshwater food webs is crucial to understanding the potential for catastrophic, cascading effects. The success of any conservation effort will be contingent upon a coordinated global strategy, one that must address a wide spectrum of issues ranging from the direct threats like pesticide use, which are relatively straightforward to regulate, to (5) _____ if ecosystems are to be truly restored.

(Adapted from *ResearchGate*)

Question 1 [1098141]:

- A. food webs that support larger animals subsequently collapse
- B. larger animals that are supportive of food webs subsequently collapsing
- C. the subsequent collapse of food webs that support larger animals
- D. subsequent is the collapse of larger animals as a support for food webs

Question 2 [1098142]:

- A. so that many experts fiercely debate the specifications of the remaining data points
- B. because the debate among experts remains fierce on many specific data points
- C. even though many specific data points remain fiercely debated among experts
- D. unless a fierce debate among experts remains to specify many data points

Question 3 [1098143]:

- A. The near impossibility of identifying a single culprit makes these causes appear very interconnected
- B. The identification of the interconnectedness of these causal culprits is nearly an impossibility; therefore
- C. Identifying a single and nearly impossible cause is made by the very interconnectedness of the culprits
- D. It is the very interconnectedness of these causes that makes identifying a single culprit nearly impossible

Question 4 [1098144]:

- A. Truthfully, the appearance of this crisis's scope, nevertheless, is only seen by looking beyond the insects themselves
- B. The true scope of this crisis, however, only becomes apparent when we look beyond the insects themselves
- C. Looking beyond the insects themselves, however, is the true crisis, with a scope that only truly becomes apparent
- D. The scope of this crisis only truly becomes the apparent truth when looking beyond the insects themselves

Question 5 [1098145]:

- A. how the broader environment is systemically degraded
- B. systemically degrading the broader drivers of the environment
- C. to degrade the environment with its broader, systemic drivers
- D. the broader, systemic drivers of environmental degradation

Read the 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.

In the demanding rhythm of modern Vietnamese life, the shared evening meal persists as an essential stabilizing ritual. It is a deliberate pause, a collective turning away from the digital distractions and individualistic pursuits that **permeate** the rest of the day. For a few hours, the home becomes a protected space where the noise of the outside world fades, replaced by the simple sounds of conversation and clinking chopsticks. This daily ritual offers a consistent point of return, a predictable respite in often chaotic and unpredictable lives.

The dinner table itself acts as a forum for genuine family connection. Here, the **ephemeral** details of each member's day—a success at school, a challenge at the office—are shared and transformed into collective experience. It is often the only time and place for sustained, face-to-face dialogue, allowing for the subtle exchange of advice and the reinforcement of mutual support. Children, in turn, absorb the intricate nuances of social etiquette and familial respect not through instruction, but through quiet observation and participation in this recurring ceremony.

More than just a vehicle for communication, the meal is a living repository of family heritage. Certain dishes evoke memories of a particular holiday or a story about a grandparent, weaving a thread of continuity between past and present. The recipes themselves, often passed down through generations, are a tangible link to a family's regional roots and history. Through the preparation and sharing of food, cultural identity is not just remembered; **it** is actively practiced and kept alive for the next generation to inherit.

The health of this small institution often mirrors the health of the family unit itself. A lively, communicative dinner table is frequently a sign of strong, resilient relationships. **In an age where forces constantly pull individuals in separate directions, the simple, analog act of gathering to eat remains one of the most potent expressions of belonging.** It stands as a quiet affirmation that despite all external pressures, the family remains the vital center of Vietnamese life.

(Adapted from *vietnamnews.com*)

Question 6 [1098146]: The word **permeate** in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. dominate B. pervade C. define D. complicate

Question 7 [1098147]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 2 as a function of the dialogue that takes place at the family dinner table?

- A. Sharing daily experiences B. The exchange of advice
C. The practice of cultural identity D. The reinforcement of mutual support

Question 8 [1098148]: The word **ephemeral** in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. enduring B. immersive C. personal D. commonplace

Question 9 [1098149]: The word **it** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the preparation B. the sharing of food
C. family's history D. cultural identity

Question 10 [1098150]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4

- A. In a world that constantly pulls people apart, the simple act of gathering for a meal is one of the most effective ways to create a sense of belonging.
B. Despite the many forces that divide people in the modern age, maintaining culinary traditions remains a potent way to foster a sense of community.
C. One of the most influential solutions to the forces pulling people apart in the modern age is the simple, analog act of gathering together to eat.
D. The basic, non-digital act of sharing a meal together remains a powerful manifestation of communal connection in an age of constant, divisive distractions.

Question 11 [1098151]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The evening meal provides a respite from chaotic lives because certain dishes consistently evoke memories of past family holidays.
- B. At the dinner table, the daily successes and challenges of family members are shared and transformed into a living family heritage.
- C. The home becomes a private sanctuary during the meal, offering a predictable escape from the specific pressures of modern professional life.
- D. The level of active conversation at the dinner table can correspond with the robustness and durability of the family's connections.

Question 12 [1098152]: Which paragraph mentions a method of learning social rules without direct teaching?

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

Question 13 [1098153]: Which paragraph mentions food acting as a bridge to a family's past?

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

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 14 to 19.

CAPTURE YOUR CREATIVE VISION IN NATURE: JOIN OUR PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS!

Do you want to take your photography skills to the next level? Absorb yourself in our photography workshops in nature, carefully designed to blend technical know-how with a(n) (14) _____. These workshops (15) _____ an emphasis on mastering light, composition, and perspective in breathtaking outdoor settings.

(16) _____ first glance, the unspoiled beauty of nature might seem overwhelming, but under the guidance of seasoned professionals, you'll learn to turn fleeting moments into cherished works of art. Participants consenting (17) _____ their craft will be furnished with techniques that transcend the basics and enable them to create captivating imagery. They will also have the chance to engage in constructive discussions, (18) _____ their appreciation of the intricate connection between art and nature.

Hurry up! Grab this golden opportunity to elevate your (19) _____ and reconnect with the world through your lens!

(Adapted from <https://focusonnature.ca>)

Question 14 [1098154]:

- A. landscape discovery in-depth
- B. in-depth landscape discovery
- C. in-depth discovery landscape
- D. landscape in-depth discovery

- Question 15** [1098155]: A. set B. steer C. have D. place
Question 16 [1098156]: A. In B. About C. At D. Over
Question 17 [1098157]: A. refining B. to refine C. to refining D. refines
Question 18 [1098158]: A. cultivating B. which cultivate
 C. cultivated D. cultivate
Question 19 [1098159]: A. artistically B. artistic C. artistry D. artist

Read the following leaflet 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 20 to 25.

Caffeine health effects

The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages the consumption of caffeine and (20)_____ stimulants by children and adolescents. In recent years, emergency departments have seen a rising trend of children being admitted due to overconsumption of caffeine, also known as caffeine toxicity.

The positive health effects of caffeine vary from person to person, depending on the dose. These effects include:

- Improved reaction time, alertness and ability to concentrate.
- Lessened (21)_____ effects of sleep deprivation.
- Protection against type 2 diabetes, heart attack and stroke.
- Reduced risk of Parkinson's disease; Alzheimer's disease; liver disease.

(22)_____ caffeine also can have negative effects such as nervousness, insomnia, irritability and panic attacks. Those with preexisting anxiety disorders may be more susceptible to these effects.

Heavy caffeine use — more than 400 milligrams per day — can cause:

- Increased risk of other (23)_____ behaviors, like smoking and alcohol abuse.
- (24)_____ physical and psychological dependence and withdrawal symptoms if caffeine intake is abruptly stopped.
- The FDA notes that toxic effects, including seizures, can (25)_____ with rapid consumption of 1,200 milligrams of caffeine.

(Adapted from <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org>)

- Question 20** [1098160]: A. another B. the other C. other D. others
Question 21 [1098161]: A. adverse B. severe C. minor D. positive
Question 22 [1098162]: A. Since B. But C. Though D. So
Question 23 [1098163]: A. habitual B. dangerous C. pleasant D. addictive
Question 24 [1098164]: A. Setting out B. Bringing on C. Turning into D. Taking after
Question 25 [1098165]: A. emerge B. follow C. access D. occur

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 26 to 30.

Question 26 [1098166]:

- a. In recent years, the city of Helmar has embraced public art as a tool for urban renewal and social connection.
- b. These creative efforts have transformed once-neglected corners into vibrant gathering spots that reflect local identity.
- c. To support this vision, local councils have commissioned murals, sculptures, and interactive installations in residential areas.
- d. Recognising the positive psychological impact of visual culture, urban planners have included art in long-term development plans.
- e. As a result, residents now feel a greater sense of pride and belonging in spaces they once avoided.

A. d - b - a - c - e

B. a - d - c - b - e

C. d - a - c - b - e

D. a - c - d - e - b

Question 27 [1098167]:

- a. Mai: I helped organise our village's mid-autumn celebration this year. It's such a meaningful tradition. How about you?
- b. Mai: That sounds lovely! I think keeping these customs alive really connects us to our roots.
- c. Tom: I recently joined a lantern-making workshop—it was my first time doing anything like that.
- d. Tom: Your festival sounds amazing. What role did you play in the preparations?
- e. Tom: Absolutely. There's something grounding about rituals that have lasted for generations.

A. d - a - c - b - e

B. c - d - a - b - e

C. d - a - b - c - e

D. c - b - e - a - d

Question 28 [1098168]:

- a. Anna: Thank you! I didn't realise it was that close.
- b. Anna: Hi, could you tell me how to get to the old citadel ruins from here?
- c. Guard: Sure. Walk past the fountain, turn right at the second gate, and you'll see a stone arch with a plaque.

A. b - c - a

B. c - a - b

C. b - a - c

D. a - b - c

Question 29 [1098169]:

- a. This encounter helped me realise that understanding another culture requires more listening than explaining.
- b. It had honestly never occurred to me that a simple gesture, like removing shoes indoors, could carry such meaning.
- c. I was part of a student exchange where we stayed with host families and joined daily life for two weeks.
- d. Adapting to unfamiliar customs, like eating with chopsticks or greeting with a bow, challenged many of my assumptions.
- e. Though uncomfortable at first, those small acts taught me to observe more carefully and speak more mindfully.

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

Question 30 [1098170]:

Dear Mr. Nguyễn,

- a. If you are unable to attend the live session, a recorded version will be made available upon request.
- b. The seminar will explore storytelling traditions across Southeast Asia and how they are being adapted in the digital age.
- c. We would like to invite you to our upcoming virtual seminar on intercultural narratives, scheduled for October 12.
- d. To confirm your participation, please complete the registration form sent to your email address.
- e. For further inquiries or technical assistance, feel free to contact our support team anytime.

Yours sincerely,

Cultural Connect Initiative

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

Read the 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 31 to 40.

Haunted by a pile of unread books or a hobby gathering dust? For the average UK adult, the five hours spent daily staring at screens could instead be used to read 300 pages or even run a marathon. In response to this **creeping** digital encroachment on personal time, a movement is advocating for the 24-hour "digital detox." [I] Spearheading this effort is the Offline Club, an organization holding its first global event this weekend. Over 1,000 people have pledged to disconnect, and those who signed up will be invited to a preparatory Zoom call for tips on how to navigate the subsequent 24 hours without internet access.

The mission to "swap screen time for real time" resonates deeply with individuals feeling the strain of digital saturation. Philip, a 33-year-old branding director from Rotterdam, can spend up to 14 hours a day on screens and joined the detox to "live in the moment a bit more" instead of doomscrolling through the curated perfection of social media. [II] Fernanda Grace, a 38-year-old community manager from Barcelona, has already begun making small adjustments, like using a traditional alarm clock to insulate the start of her day from digital intrusion, in her quest to "truly not feel guilty about disconnecting."

The Offline Club, which held its first in-person event in Amsterdam in February, has since seen a swift expansion into global hubs like Paris, Dubai, and London. At its regular "hangouts," attendees lock their phones away to read, converse, or simply be present. [III] The organization also hosts more immersive weekend retreats in the Dutch countryside, with tickets costing at least €425 (£356). Co-founder Ilya Kneppelhout notes these events have had a transformative impact, with some attendees making profound life changes after being afforded the mental space for genuine reflection.

The impetus for the club came from Kneppelhout's own phone-free weekend after confronting the realization that he "wasn't reading enough, I wasn't writing enough, and I wasn't getting out in nature enough." [IV] He has since left his job to manage the club's whirlwind growth. He acknowledges that while the business is not yet financially sustainable, the model is proving viable, currently supported by personal savings and family loans. He is envisioning a future with dedicated phone-free spaces and holidays that cater to a burgeoning societal desire to reclaim control from the ubiquitous screen.

Question 31 [1098171]: According to paragraph 1, the organized push for a day-long break from the internet arose from concerns over _____.

- A. an organization called the Offline Club holding its first global event
- B. a pledge which is taken by more than a thousand people to go offline
- C. the huge portion of an individual's day consumed by electronic devices
- D. a preparatory online meeting offering guidance on how to disconnect

Question 32 [1098172]: The word creeping in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. gradual
- B. damaging
- C. unstoppable
- D. annoying

Question 33 [1098173]: What alternative accomplishments are mentioned for the time spent daily on screens?

- A. The pursuit of a new hobby that has been gathering dust at home.
- B. The participation in a global event with over a thousand other people.
- C. A five-hour daily commitment to abstain from using any digital screens.
- D. The completion of a long-distance run or reading a substantial book.

Question 34 [1098174]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. The appeal of disconnecting is strong for individuals feeling overwhelmed by screen time, with some aiming to be more present and escape social media, while others seek to reduce the guilt associated with being offline.
- B. The strain of digital saturation is causing significant mental health issues for professionals, who are now seeking digital detoxes to combat the anxiety and guilt that stem from constant online engagement with social media.
- C. For those overwhelmed by digital saturation, the most effective approach to disconnecting is to start with small, practical adjustments, such as replacing a phone's alarm with a traditional clock to create a screen-free morning.
- D. The experience of professionals who spend long hours doomscrolling often creates the feeling of guilt about disconnecting that other individuals are trying to overcome with small, practical lifestyle and mindset changes.

Question 35 [1098175]: The word **its** in paragraph 3 refers to_____.

- A. London
- B. event
- C. The Offline Club
- D. Amsterdam

Question 36 [1098176]: What currently provides the financial support for the Offline Club?

- A. The collection of significant membership fees from its global participants.
- B. The founder's bold decision to leave his job to manage the club's growth.
- C. A future vision of creating offline environments and specialized getaways.
- D. Financial backing from the founder's own reserves and borrowed family money.

Question 37 [1098177]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. His vision for the future includes specific phone-free zones and vacations designed to meet a growing public wish to regain power from ever-present screens.
- B. He imagines a future where the creation of dedicated phone-free spaces and holidays will, in turn, foster a societal desire for freedom from the screen's control.
- C. He foresees a future containing dedicated phone-free areas and holidays that serve as a form of public protest against the reliance on ubiquitous screens.
- D. In his envisioned future, special holidays and phone-free zones will be needed should a societal desire to reduce the screen's pervasive control ever emerge.

Question 38 [1098178]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Small, consistent changes to daily routines, such as using an analogue alarm clock, are an effective way to manage the problem of digital saturation.
- B. The founder's decision to leave his job stemmed from a high-pressure corporate career that had caused his personal feelings of digital fatigue.
- C. The Offline Club's model for building community often integrates digital tools to supplement its signature phone-free, in-person events.
- D. The Offline Club's business model includes tiered events, from accessible local hangouts to more costly and immersive weekend-long retreats.

Question 39 [1098179]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

The club's events, however, are structured for different degrees of engagement.

A. [II]

B. [III]

C. [I]

D. [IV]

Question 40 [1098180]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

A. The digital detox movement, led by organizations like the Offline Club, is a social trend that tends to appeal to affluent professionals who can afford costly, exclusive retreats in order to reclaim their personal time from the constant demands of screens.

B. The Offline Club has emerged as a solution for people feeling overwhelmed by screen usage, providing structured events for connection and reflection, a concept that aims to satisfy a widespread societal yearning for a less digitally-dominated lifestyle.

C. The Offline Club's founder, after realizing his own lack of real-world activities, created hangouts and retreats to help others disconnect, a movement which now provides a space for the mental reflection that can lead to profound life changes for participants.

D. The Offline Club, a response to digital saturation, hosts events for reflection, and these experiences are proving so effective that many participants go on to make profound life changes while also reducing their daily screen time and other online habits.

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The Vietnam national football team has experienced a remarkable rise in recent years, and (1) _____ that captivated fans both at home and internationally, ultimately reaffirming their growing strength with their triumphant victory in the 2018 AFF Championship. Under the guidance of coach Park Hang-seo, the team reached the quarter-finals of the 2019 AFC Asian Cup, further solidifying their status as a formidable force in Asian football. (2) _____.

By flawlessly combining strategy and skill, the squad elevates its play, a change that captivates spectators and draws them into an atmosphere pulsing with determination (3) _____. Their disciplined defensive structure and rapid counterattacks have made them a formidable opponent for any team in the region. The team's ability to stay composed under pressure, especially during crucial matches, highlights their mental strength. (4) _____.

In December 2024, the team achieved a significant milestone by climbing to 114th place in the FIFA rankings, re-entering Asia's top 20, and maintaining their position among Southeast Asia's top teams. This advancement reflects their consistent performance and dedication to the sport. (5) _____, such as Nguyen Xuan Son, who made history by becoming the first naturalized player to score for the national team in an official tournament, has added depth and versatility to the squad. As they prepare for upcoming competitions, the Vietnam national football team continues to pursue ambitions that transcend regional boundaries and redefine their place on the global football stage.

(Adapted from VnExpress)

Question 1 [1098181]:

- A. how a series of outstanding performances they present alongside this rise
- B. since they achieve a string of remarkable performances with this rise
- C. this rise has enabled them to deliver a series of impressive performances
- D. for a sequence of impressive performances be carried out through this rise

Question 2 [1098182]:

- A. These milestones have cemented their position as a rising force capable of competing with the best on the global stage
- B. Able to challenge the top teams on the international platform, these achievements have established them as a rising force
- C. Their capability to compete with the best on the world stage, notwithstanding these milestones, has cemented their position as an emerging power
- D. Their standing has forced themselves to compete with these milestones in the international arena, cementing the best

Question 3 [1098183]:

- A. yet the drive for perfection
- B. besides the pursuit of excellence
- C. just as the drive for excellence
- D. and the pursuit of excellence

Question 4 [1098184]:

- A. Forward they are propelled continually by their collective ambition and relentless work ethic as they strive for greater success internationally
- B. Their collective ambition and relentless work ethic continue to push them forward as they aim for greater success on the international stage
- C. Aiming for greater international success, it is its unceasing dedication and shared ambition that propel them forward
- D. Constantly pushed forward by their ambition and tireless effort, they aim for greater success on the global stage

Question 5 [1098185]:

- A. From the incorporation of naturalized players
- B. Owing to the integration of naturalized players
- C. The integration of naturalized players
- D. Like the inclusion of naturalized players

Read the following passage 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 6 to 13.

Organic farming, once dismissed as an elitist indulgence, is gaining traction as consumers recognize its merits in terms of sustainability, nutrition, and animal welfare. Industrial dairy production, characterized by intensive farming methods, has fundamentally altered the nature of milk production, prioritizing efficiency over ethical considerations. Modern dairy cows endure extreme physiological strain, producing nearly double the milk their ancestors did, a feat that comes at the expense of their health and longevity. Chronic lameness, reproductive dysfunction, and metabolic disorders have become widespread, **rendering** these creatures disposable once their productivity wanes.

A particularly grim aspect of industrial dairy farming is the fate of male calves, deemed commercially unviable due to **their** genetics favoring milk production over meat yield. Approximately 55,000 are culled annually in Britain alone, an unsettling testament to the inefficiencies embedded in non-organic systems. The females have slightly better outcomes, but they are taken from their mothers just days after birth, causing considerable distress for both. Additionally, artificial insemination remains a routine procedure, ensuring that dairy cows maintain relentless lactation cycles, often leaving them in a permanent state of metabolic depletion.

Organic dairy systems, while not **exempt** from these realities, offer significantly improved conditions for livestock, ensuring greater access to pasture and a diet closer to what nature intended. Organic regulations mandate that cows spend substantial time grazing outdoors, with a minimum requirement of 60% forage-based feed, which enhances both their health and milk quality. As a result, organic milk contains 50% more omega-3 fatty acids, crucial for cardiovascular and cognitive function in humans, making it a nutritionally superior option. While the output is lower, the trade-off ensures superior nutritional value, a more humane existence for the animals, and a reduction in the dependency on antibiotics often prevalent in non-organic systems.

Some pioneering farms are challenging conventional paradigms by integrating ethical dairy and meat production models that respect both the animals and the land. At Daylesford, breeding strategies prioritize longevity, reducing the need for constant herd replacements while ensuring that even male calves contribute meaningfully to the farming enterprise. Similarly, Calf at Foot micro dairy adopts a radically compassionate approach, allowing calves to remain with their mothers for the natural weaning period, fostering healthier cows and better milk quality. **Though still uncommon, such models exemplify a potential future where dairy farming balances commercial viability with ecological responsibility and ethical stewardship, offering a more conscientious path forward in food production.**

(Adapted from The Independent)

Question 6 [1098186]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a benefit of organic dairy systems?

- A. reduced reliance on antibiotics in dairy farming
- B. improved animal welfare through better living conditions outdoors
- C. higher omega-3 content is beneficial for human health
- D. increased milk production compared to industrial dairy farming

Question 7 [1098187]: The word **rendering** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. commanding
- B. accelerating
- C. refraining
- D. spearheading

Question 8 [1098188]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Though still rare, such methods prove that dairy farming can be both ethical and sustainable while eliminating commercial constraints, ensuring a responsible future for food production.
- B. While still limited, these systems show that dairy farming must prioritize ecological sustainability over economic concerns to ensure a more ethical and conscientious production model.
- C. Though not yet mainstream, these innovations suggest dairy farming should focus on sustainability and animal welfare while minimizing the role of commercial considerations in food production.
- D. Though not yet widespread, these models suggest a future where dairy farming remains profitable while also prioritizing sustainability and ethical practices, leading to a more responsible food system.

Question 9 [1098189]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Industrial dairy farming prioritizes sustainability by breeding cows with higher milk yields, ensuring a steady supply while maintaining ethical treatment of livestock.
- B. In conventional dairy operations, male calves are purportedly reared for beef production to enhance operational efficiency and ostensibly decrease the frequency of neonatal culling.
- C. Some organic farms adopt methods that allow calves to remain with their mothers, improving both animal welfare and the nutritional quality of the milk produced.
- D. Contemporary dairy cows are purportedly more robust and longer-lived than their predecessors due to their capacity to yield nearly double the volume of milk.

Question 10 [1098190]: The word **exempt** in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. burdened by
- B. free from
- C. restricted by
- D. subject to

Question 11 [1098191]: The word **their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. genetics
- B. inefficiencies
- C. genetics
- D. male calves

Question 12 [1098192]: Which paragraph highlights the shifting perception of a practice that was once seen as an unnecessary luxury?

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

Question 13 [1098193]: Which paragraph mentions a standard procedure used to control reproduction in dairy cows?

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

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 14 to 18.

Question 14 [1098194]:

- Analysts predict the market may only recover if new government incentives are introduced before the year ends.
- Despite this overall slump, some brands focusing on electric models reported slight sales increases, showing a shift in consumer preference.
- Just over 21,000 units were sold, a 15% decrease from the previous month and a significant drop year on year.
- According to the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers' Association (VAMA), this decline reflects ongoing economic difficulties and cautious consumer spending.
- Sales in Vietnam's auto market dropped to their lowest point in two years last month.

(Adapted from Vietnamnews)

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

Question 15 [1098195]:

Hi Jenny,

- I've begun to implement certain practices, such as minimizing waste and prioritizing eco-friendly alternatives, yet I often wonder how to inspire widespread change in society.
- Lately, I've been contemplating the environmental crisis and the profound implications it has on future generations.
- I eagerly await your thoughts on this matter.
- It's becoming increasingly evident that our ecological footprint is unsustainable, and it's imperative that we adopt more conscientious habits.
- Do you think individuals can truly make a substantial difference, or is systemic reform necessary to tackle this issue?

Warm regards,

Anna

(Adapted from The Real IELTS)

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

Question 16 [1098196]:

- Mai: We're organizing health check-ups and, more importantly, documenting their wartime stories to create a digital archive for future generations.
- Grandfather: That is a profoundly meaningful endeavor. Preserving those memories is the highest form of respect we can pay to those who are no longer with us.
- Mai: Grandpa, my university club is initiating a project called "Honoring the Past" to support local veterans.
- Grandfather: What a commendable initiative, my dear. What activities does your project entail?
- Mai: I believe so, too. It feels like our generation's sacred duty to ensure their legacy endures.

(Adapted from BBC News)

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

Question 17 [1098197]:

- a. Governments and industries are working together to develop innovative solutions.
- b. Unlike fossil fuels, renewable sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power produce little to no pollution.
- c. Sustainable energy is essential for reducing environmental damage and ensuring a stable future.
- d. Although challenges remain, such as high initial costs and storage limitations, investment in renewable energy is growing worldwide.
- e. These energy sources are not only abundant but also help lower greenhouse gas emissions, slowing down climate change.

(Adapted from Huffpost)

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

Question 18 [1098198]:

- a. Isabella: Precisely! AI-powered climate control can curtail energy consumption without compromising comfort.
- b. Nathan: If governments incentivize smart grids, cities could achieve unprecedented levels of eco-efficiency.
- c. Nathan: Isabella, incorporating AI into energy-efficient buildings could revolutionize urban sustainability.

(Adapted from British Listening Council)

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

Read the following passage 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 19 to 28.

[I] Vaccine hesitancy has long been recognized as a significant challenge to global health, with misinformation and distrust persisting despite overwhelming scientific evidence supporting vaccine safety and efficacy. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified reluctance to get vaccinated as one of the greatest threats to public health, emphasizing the need for effective communication strategies. Public health campaigns aim to combat skepticism by providing clear, factual information about vaccines, yet these efforts often encounter resistance.

Recent research suggests that language plays a crucial role in shaping people's attitudes toward vaccination, influencing how they process and accept health-related information. A study conducted in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom examined whether reading vaccine information in a foreign language affects willingness to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Surprisingly, participants with vaccine-hesitant attitudes responded more positively to the information when it was presented in English rather than their native tongue. **This phenomenon, known as the foreign language effect, suggests that processing information in a second language fosters a more rational, less emotionally driven approach to decision-making.** [II]

One explanation for this effect is that thinking in a foreign language requires additional cognitive effort, slowing down automatic, instinctive responses. [III] When people engage with health-related content in their second language, they may be less influenced by emotional biases and more likely to analyze the information objectively. Interestingly, the research found that English had a unique impact, with participants perceiving vaccine messages in English as more credible than **those** in other languages. However, it is important to **take it with a grain of salt**, as the dominance of English in science and academia may have shaped these perceptions, making it unclear whether similar effects would occur with other widely spoken languages.

[IV] Understanding these potential broader implications is crucial, as tailoring communication strategies could be a powerful tool for addressing vaccine hesitancy, particularly in multilingual societies. By strategically presenting information in English or another foreign language, health organizations may encourage a more analytical, evidence-based evaluation of vaccines. Understanding the intersection between language, cognition, and persuasion could lead to more effective strategies for combating misinformation and improving vaccine uptake worldwide.

(Adapted from The Conversation)

Question 19 [1098199]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

“While existing research highlights the impact of language choice on vaccine messaging, it remains unclear whether this effect extends beyond English or applies to other public health topics.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 20 [1098200]: The phrase **take it with a grain of salt** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. accept it unquestionably
B. believe it absolutely
C. consider it critically
D. dismiss it entirely

Question 21 [1098201]: According to paragraph 4, which of the following is **NOT** listed as a factor that could lead to more effective strategies?

- A. language
B. persuasion
C. cognition
D. vaccine production

Question 22 [1098202]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. The impact of the foreign language effect suggests that engaging with vaccine information in one's vernacular fosters greater acquiescence, stemming from a heightened sense of emotional resonance.
- B. Research highlights that reading vaccine information in a foreign language can reduce emotional bias and increase acceptance among hesitant individuals.
- C. Individuals exhibiting vaccine apathy generally repudiate data conveyed in an auxiliary language, a pattern attributed to the resulting disorientation and the exacerbation of their incredulity regarding healthcare recommendations.
- D. Empirical data from France, Germany, and the UK elucidate a greater predilection for accepting health-related communiqués when disseminated in English, primarily because it conveys a superior sense of authoritativeness compared to the native tongue.

Question 23 [1098203]: According to the passage, the increased cognitive effort required when thinking in a foreign language can often result in _____.

- A. faster, intuitive reactions that rely heavily on emotional reasoning
- B. the immediate rejection of information presented in the native language
- C. a complete loss of instinctive responses in high-pressure situations
- D. more deliberate and reflective decision-making processes

Question 24 [1098204]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. This phenomenon, called the foreign language effect, indicates that using a second language to process information encourages more logical and less emotion-based decision-making.
- B. The foreign language effect suggests that second-language processing makes information seem more complex, leading to hesitancy and emotional decisions.
- C. The foreign language effect suggests that processing information in another language leads to faster, more emotionally intuitive decision-making.
- D. This phenomenon, known as the foreign language effect, proposes that engaging with information in a second language results in less analytical and less emotionally influenced choices.

Question 25 [1098205]: What issue is highlighted regarding public health campaigns providing clear vaccine information?

- A. They exclude expert input
- B. They often encounter opposition
- C. They fail to produce accurate content
- D. They generate insufficient funding

Question 26 [1098206]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The research unequivocally asserted that the beneficial impact observed in English would extend to all major global languages.
- B. People generally become more doubtful of health-related messages when they are presented in any language other than their native one.
- C. People who read health information in a second language might make more rational decisions about their health than those who read it in their native language.
- D. Public health institutions ought to refrain from disseminating vaccination information in non-native languages, as it could engender confusion among recipients.

Question 27 [1098207]: The word **those** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. participants
- B. vaccine messages
- C. emotional biases
- D. languages

Question 28 [1098208]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Vaccine reluctance constitutes a formidable worldwide predicament; notwithstanding the judicious efforts of public health initiatives to disseminate lucid, evidence-based data, these endeavors frequently meet robust opposition, primarily attributable to the propagation of spurious claims and a pervasive lack of confidence.
- B. Processing health-related information in a foreign language, particularly English, can reduce emotional bias and encourage more analytical decision-making, suggesting that strategic language use may be an effective tool to address vaccine hesitancy globally.
- C. Vaccine hesitancy persists despite scientific evidence, but studies show that reading vaccine information in English improves rational thinking and reduces skepticism, suggesting language choice in public health messaging could significantly sway vaccine acceptance and perception.
- D. The World Health Organization has identified reluctance to get vaccinated as a major public health threat, urging nations to focus on combating misinformation through science-based education and multilingual campaigns to maximize demographic penetration.

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

Ha Long Bay: A Natural Wonder of Vietnam

Ha Long Bay, (29) _____ in the northeastern part of Vietnam, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most famous tourist attractions in the country. It is renowned for its breathtaking seascape, featuring thousands of limestone islands and islets (30) _____ rise dramatically from the emerald waters.

Scenic Beauty and Activities

Visitors to Ha Long Bay can enjoy a variety of (31) _____, such as cruising through the bay, kayaking, and exploring caves. On account of its stunning beauty, Ha Long Bay has attracted tourists from around the world. The (32) _____ of visitors continues to increase every year, making it a popular destination for both local and international travelers.

Nearby Attractions

In addition to the bay, there are several other interesting spots to discover. Another must-see is Ti Top Island, which offers a (33) _____ view of the entire bay from the top of a hill. If you're planning a trip to Ha Long Bay, you should definitely (34) _____ the local seafood markets for an unforgettable experience.

(Adapted from Tuoi Tre News)

- Question 29** [1098209]: A. locates B. be located C. locating D. located
Question 30 [1098210]: A. why B. whom C. that D. whose
Question 31 [1098211]: A. activate B. activities C. inactive D. actively
Question 32 [1098212]: A. quality B. amount C. number D. level
Question 33 [1098213]: A. panoramic B. communicable
 C. restrictive D. pretentious
Question 34 [1098214]: A. set in B. check out C. hand down D. show off

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 35 to 40.

Gender Gaps In Education 🐶

A recent study from the UCL Institute of Education reveals that boys are now (35) _____ girls in maths and science, reversing previous trends. This challenges the long-held belief that boys are consistently falling behind. Dr Jennie Golding mentioned boys' confidence as a possible factor, which may help to explain their improved performance. Schools might consider adjusting (36) _____ of their teaching approaches to better support different learning styles.

(37) _____ girls appear to progress in education, women continue to face disadvantages in the workplace. The "motherhood penalty" causes a sharper decline (38) _____ earnings for women than for men after becoming parents. It's hard to deny the lasting effects of such inequalities, especially when the pensions gap increases the risk of poverty for older women. These realities should remind policymakers to look beyond school performance when evaluating gender equality.

Gender is just one part of the picture. Socioeconomic background and (39) _____ often tend to have a greater influence on academic outcomes. Still, overlooking the fact that boys are more likely to be excluded from school and less likely to attend university would be unwise. At the same (40) _____, encouraging girls to enter male-dominated fields like technology remains essential for breaking down stereotypes and expanding opportunities.

(Adapted from The Guardian)

Laying the groundwork for connection

To encourage lasting change, employers must create systems that are easy to use and socially engaging. One effective way to (9) _____ this is by developing a carpool matching platform through internal apps, sign-up boards, or chat channels. These tools not only simplify logistics but also help colleagues (10) _____ with each other outside of their usual professional roles. What starts as a ride-sharing solution can evolve into a culture of mutual support and increased workplace rapport.

Making the commute work for everyone

When planned well, carpooling can transform long, solitary commutes into something far more bearable. As employees team up to ride to work, they often pick up on new routines and perspectives that enhance their daily experience. Over time, participation tends to (11) _____, especially when early adopters speak positively and the word gets around. Building this momentum takes time, but with the right structure and encouragement, the benefits are well (12) _____ the effort.

(Adapted from DGB Group)

Question 7 [1098227]: A. few B. a few C. a little D. little

Question 8 [1098228]: A. With a view to B. Contrary to
 C. Irrespective of D. At the mercy of

Question 9 [1098229]: A. unveil B. mitigate C. associate D. initiate

Question 10 [1098230]: A. stitch B. join C. bond D. fuse

Question 11 [1098231]: A. take on B. catch on C. bring on D. get on

Question 12 [1098232]: A. helpful B. valuable C. worth D. beneficial

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

Question 13 [1098233]:

- a. Fiona: That's awesome! What subjects are you concentrating on?
 b. Sophia: I've been really focused on my studies lately, trying to improve my grades.
 c. Sophia: Mainly math and science, as those are my weakest areas.

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

Question 14 [1098234]:

- a. Alex: That's why digital literacy is crucial - we need to be aware of both its benefits and its pitfalls.
 b. Daniel: That depends. While it fosters global connections, it also encourages superficial interactions.
 c. Alex: I agree. The instant nature of online communication often comes at the expense of meaningful dialogue.
 d. Alex: Social media has revolutionized communication, but do you think it has done more harm than good?
 e. Daniel: True, and the constant exposure to curated content can distort our perception of reality.

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

Question 15 [1098235]:

Dear Phong,

- a. How do you see the balance between progress and preservation?
- b. I was just reading about the way AI is slowly infiltrating industries like law and healthcare, and I have to admit, I'm feeling a bit uneasy about it.
- c. On one hand, AI promises efficiency; on the other, it could undermine jobs that are essential to human society.
- d. It seems like a double-edged sword, doesn't it?
- e. While the benefits seem clear, I wonder how much of our personal and professional lives we should allow AI to control.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Vy

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

Question 16 [1098236]:

- a. By utilizing advanced robotics, space agencies can deploy unmanned missions to gather crucial data from planets, moons, and asteroids, where human presence is unfeasible.
- b. As technology progresses, robots will undoubtedly play an even more pivotal role in unraveling the mysteries of the cosmos, expanding our understanding of the universe.
- c. These autonomous machines, equipped with cutting-edge sensors and artificial intelligence, can perform tasks with remarkable precision, from collecting soil samples to analyzing atmospheric conditions.
- d. Robots have become indispensable in space exploration, significantly enhancing our ability to explore distant celestial bodies.
- e. Furthermore, robots reduce the risks and costs associated with human space travel, enabling more frequent and extensive missions.

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

Question 17 [1098237]:

- a. The charts compare household spending on entertainment and technology in the United States and South Korea in 2022.
- b. Meanwhile, expenditures on gadgets like smartphones and tablets were nearly equal, with both nations allocating around 20%.
- c. In contrast, South Korean households spent slightly more on gaming, at 25%, compared to 22% in the US.
- d. Overall, American families spent the highest proportion on digital subscriptions, making up 32% of total entertainment and tech expenses, whereas this category accounted for only 18% in South Korea.
- e. As for the other categories, spending on traditional media such as books and DVDs was low in both countries, at under 10%.

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

Read the following passage about Valentine's Day 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.

Valentine's Day, a celebration of love and affection, (18) _____. The holiday, (19) _____, carries historical depth that enriches its modern significance. Over centuries, it has transformed from a solemn commemoration into a vibrant occasion marked by romantic gestures, heartfelt exchanges, and symbolic gifts. This fusion of history and contemporary customs highlights the enduring human need for connection and meaningful expression. Embracing the universal language of love and a deeply ingrained cultural legacy, (20) _____. The day's traditions span across cultures, incorporating diverse rituals that reflect unique expressions of love and devotion. (21) _____. This adaptability ensures its relevance in an ever-changing world, allowing it to thrive across generations. Beyond romantic connotations, Valentine's Day has expanded to encompass broader expressions of love, including friendships and familial bonds. (22) _____. Commercialization has undoubtedly shaped the holiday, yet its emotional significance remains deeply personal and culturally embedded. Ultimately, Valentine's Day endures as a poignant reminder of the power of love in all its forms.

(Adapted from <https://www.org.uk>)

Question 18 [1098238]:

- A. of which global traditions have infiltrated, forcing people into insincere expressions of love dictated by commercial interests and societal pressure
- B. having broken through societal barriers, solidifying its place as a universal celebration of authentic emotional expression and devotion
- C. that has surpassed geographical and cultural limits, emerging as a universal tradition that genuinely fosters profound emotional expression
- D. has transcended cultural boundaries to become a worldwide observance, uniting individuals in the sincere articulation of deep emotions

Question 19 [1098239]:

- A. originating from ancient Roman festivals honoring love and fertility, with Christian martyrdom and medieval courtly traditions imprinting their influence over its evolution
- B. traced its roots to ancient Roman festivals celebrating love and fertility, later shaped by Christian martyrdom and medieval courtly traditions
- C. stems from Roman traditions of love and fertility, with Christian martyrdom and medieval courtly traditions steered its transformation and cultural significance
- D. in which ancient Roman festivals dedicating to love and procreation took root, gradually intertwined with Christian martyrdom and medieval courtly traditions impacting its formation

Question 20 [1098240]:

- A. profound sincerity and resonance foster emotional bonds, as Valentine’s Day inspires grand romantic gestures and fosters intimate connections
- B. grand romantic gestures continuously strengthen emotional bonds and foster intimate connections, reinforcing them with profound sincerity and resonance
- C. Valentine’s Day continuously fosters intimate connections and inspires grand romantic gestures that reinforce emotional bonds with profound sincerity and resonance
- D. intimate connections thrive on Valentine’s Day, inspiring grand romantic gestures that reinforce emotional bonds with profound sincerity and resonance

Question 21 [1098241]:

- A. Extravagant letters, meticulously crafted gestures, and serene inclinations seamlessly interweave, transforming the celebration into a fundamental tradition that preserves its personal expressions of affection
- B. Whether through meticulously crafted letters, extravagant gestures, or serene expressions of affection, the celebration seamlessly aligns with individual inclinations while preserving its fundamental essence
- C. The celebration’s alignment with a meticulously interwoven tradition is seamlessly preserved because serene expressions, fundamental inclinations, and affectionate gestures extravagantly craft heartfelt letters
- D. Meticulously preserving personal inclinations, the celebration extravagantly aligns with fundamental affections

Question 22 [1098242]:

- A. Many individuals seize unwavering joy and support to express heartfelt gratitude toward the occasion
- B. Unwavering joy and support lead many individuals to express genuine gratitude toward the occasion
- C. Many individuals seize the occasion to express gratitude for those providing unwavering joy and support
- D. Surpassing its conventionally romantic emphasis and intent, the occasion expresses aversion to many individuals

Read the following passage about IT professionals and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

The notion that IT professionals over 35 are past their prime and lack innovation is an unfounded stereotype, frequently used by Vietnamese businesses as a pretext to cut costs. Many seasoned engineers possess profound technical acumen, honed through years of experience, allowing **them** to navigate complex systems with efficiency and expertise.

While local companies dismiss them, international firms recognize their value, offering competitive compensation and rewarding proficiency in problem-solving. The primary obstacle preventing Vietnamese IT specialists from advancing abroad is language proficiency rather than technical competence, which remains on par with global industry standards.

A prevalent expectation within Vietnam's IT sector dictates that those surpassing the age of 35 must transition into managerial roles to maintain job security, creating a paradox that depletes the workforce of adept technical experts. Mastery of programming, systems architecture, or cybersecurity does not inherently equate to managerial aptitude, yet businesses continue to enforce this rigid career trajectory. The result is a misallocation of talent, where individuals who excel in specialized domains are pressured into leadership positions ill-suited to their capabilities. This misplaced expectation ultimately erodes productivity, forcing many experienced engineers to either accept a managerial role they do not desire or face potential unemployment.

The pervasive displacement of senior employees transcends the IT sector, permeating various industries, primarily driven by an abundance of younger workers and an inadequacy of highly specialized roles. Vietnamese corporations, rather than fostering long-term expertise, prioritize cost-cutting strategies that favor an **expendable** workforce with lower salaries. Over time, Vietnam's job market will mirror these international trends, forcing companies to acknowledge the necessity of experienced professionals and implement policies that promote longevity in employment. The misconception that technological agility belongs exclusively to younger generations disregards the adaptability and continuous learning exhibited by many veteran engineers. As the workforce matures and economic conditions evolve, businesses will be compelled to recognize the merit of sustaining a balanced talent pool rather than discarding those with institutional knowledge. A paradigm shift is inevitable, wherein proficiency and expertise will outweigh **arbitrary** age restrictions, ultimately benefiting both employees and the broader economy.

(Adapted from VnExpress)

Question 23 [1098243]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a challenge for IT professionals over 35?

- A. Language barriers hindering opportunities in foreign markets
- B. Stereotypes leading to job insecurity in Vietnam's IT field
- C. Higher salaries making them targets for cost-cutting measures
- D. Limited adaptability to new technological advancements globally

Question 24 [1098244]: The word "**arbitrary**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. logical
- B. erratic
- C. subjective
- D. ludicrous

Question 25 [1098245]: The word "**expendable**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. available B. imperative C. dispensable D. paramount

Question 26 [1098246]: The word "**them**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. years of experience B. local companies
C. complex systems D. seasoned engineers

Question 27 [1098247]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. The loss of experienced professionals happens mainly in IT, though other sectors are affected due to companies prioritizing young employees over industry-specific expertise.
B. Older employees are increasingly removed from the workforce in IT and beyond, primarily due to an oversupply of younger workers and a shortage of specialized positions.
C. The exclusion of older professionals is largely limited to IT, caused by young workers and insufficient opportunities for senior employees across different industries.
D. Industries outside IT rarely replace senior workers, except when there is a lack of specialized roles and an excessive number of inexperienced younger candidates.

Question 28 [1098248]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The mistaken belief that only younger professionals are technologically agile fails to acknowledge the adaptability and continuous learning of senior engineers.
B. Vietnamese corporations have already established well-structured policies that focus on retaining senior employees for their deep expertise, ensuring job stability for older professionals.
C. The pressure to move into management ensures better career stability for IT engineers over 35, allowing them to remain employed and avoid sudden layoffs within their industry.
D. International companies rarely acknowledge the technical capabilities of Vietnamese IT professionals, limiting their access to higher-paying jobs and competitive positions in global technology markets.

Question 29 [1098249]: In which paragraph does the writer suggest a concession relationship?

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

Question 30 [1098250]: In which paragraph does the writer emphasize the misalignment between technical expertise and managerial expectations?

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

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

[I] One major drawback is the intense workload, which frequently results in exhaustion and chronic stress. [II] Physicians work long shifts, sometimes exceeding 24 hours, making it difficult to maintain a balanced lifestyle. [III] The physical and mental strain of this demanding schedule often leads to burnout, negatively affecting both job performance and personal well-being. [IV] Additionally, doctors face constant pressure to make life-altering decisions, leaving little room for rest or relaxation. Their demanding schedules also impact relationships, as they struggle to spend time with family and friends.

Another major disadvantage is the emotional burden of treating patients, especially in critical or life-threatening conditions. Doctors frequently witness suffering, loss, and grief, which can cause emotional distress and even compassion fatigue. The pressure to save lives may lead to anxiety and self-doubt, as every decision carries serious consequences. Without proper emotional support, some struggle with depression or lose **their** sense of purpose in the profession. Repeated exposure to trauma can create emotional detachment, making it difficult to form genuine connections with patients. While this detachment may help doctors cope, it can also make the job feel isolating and unfulfilling.

In addition to emotional challenges, doctors face intense professional pressure and high expectations from both society and employers. Any mistake, no matter how small, can result in lawsuits, disciplinary actions, or reputational damage. The medical field demands continuous learning and adaptation, making work-life balance difficult. Competition is fierce, beginning in medical school and continuing throughout their careers, forcing them to **jump through hoops** just to secure a stable position. Keeping up with new medical advancements and job insecurity in certain specialties only adds to the stress.

Financial burdens further increase the struggles of being a doctor, particularly early in their careers. Medical education is expensive, and many graduate with significant debt that takes years to repay. Despite the perception of high salaries, entry-level doctors often earn **modestly** compared to their years of training. Those who open private practices must handle financial risks, administrative responsibilities, and legal concerns. **These pressures, combined with the profession's other demands, make medicine a challenging and exhausting career.**

(Adapted from Research Gate)

Question 31 [1098251]: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

“Pursuing a medical career is often seen as a noble path, yet the profession carries significant challenges that can outweigh its rewards.”

A. [I]

B. [II]

C. [III]

D. [IV]

Question 32 [1098252]: According to paragraph 1, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a challenge faced by doctors?

- A. the difficulty of maintaining a balanced lifestyle due to long shifts
- B. the emotional burden of witnessing suffering and loss
- C. the pressure of making critical decisions under demanding conditions
- D. the impact of a heavy workload on personal relationships

Question 33 [1098253]: The word "**modestly**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. excessively
- B. moderately
- C. cautiously
- D. reasonably

Question 34 [1098254]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

- A. Doctors face emotional strain from avoiding suffering, leading to anxiety, self-doubt, and struggles with depression and isolation.
- B. Repeated exposure to trauma and life-or-death decisions creates stress, emotional detachment, and challenges in maintaining purpose.
- C. Doctors experience emotional distress from treating critical patients, facing anxiety, depression, compassion fatigue, and professional isolation.
- D. The emotional burden of treating critical patients causes compassion fatigue, making it difficult to connect with patients personally.

Question 35 [1098255]: The phrase "**jump through hoops**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. follow a straightforward path
- B. overcome numerous obstacles
- C. abandon responsibilities
- D. ignore serious challenges

Question 36 [1098256]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Only when doctors reduce workload pressures can they avoid the exhausting and demanding nature of their profession.
- B. The difficulties of medicine mainly stem from professional expectations, with other pressures playing a minor role in exhaustion.
- C. Hardly does the medical profession become exhausting unless doctors struggle with emotional burdens more than other challenges.
- D. The difficulties of medicine, along with external pressures, create a demanding profession that is physically and mentally exhausting.

Question 37 [1098257]: The word "**their**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. patients
- B. doctors
- C. employers
- D. physicians

- Question 38** [1098258]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
- A. The challenges of medical education and training extend beyond financial costs, as competition continues throughout a doctor's entire career.
 - B. Legal consequences for doctors are uncommon, but when they occur, they typically result in minor disciplinary actions rather than serious reputational damage.
 - C. The medical profession allows doctors to maintain a work-life balance, as they can adjust their schedules despite intense competition and heavy workloads.
 - D. Emotional detachment is discouraged in the medical profession because it prevents doctors from making logical and rational decisions under stressful conditions.

- Question 39** [1098259]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
- A. The financial hardships of doctors come from low salaries rather than debts or professional responsibilities.
 - B. Emotional detachment in medicine negatively affects patient care more than it benefits doctors' mental resilience.
 - C. The demanding nature of medicine often leads doctors to sacrifice their personal lives and emotional well-being.
 - D. Doctors who experience burnout often leave the profession due to extreme pressure and unrealistic expectations.

- Question 40** [1098260]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?
- A. The medical profession requires doctors to make sacrifices, as they face emotional distress, financial challenges, and extreme workloads, all of which contribute to a high level of career dissatisfaction.
 - B. Physicians work under extreme pressure, balancing emotional distress, legal responsibilities, and financial struggles, with constant learning requirements making their profession exhausting, stressful, and mentally challenging over time.
 - C. Doctors face emotional and financial burdens, struggle with professional pressure, and work long hours, leading to exhaustion, burnout, and personal sacrifices throughout their demanding medical careers.
 - D. Doctors endure overwhelming workloads, emotional strain, and financial difficulties, making medicine a profession that is primarily affected by legal and ethical challenges.

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Read the following passage about the AI bubble 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 1 to 8.

The global AI race has accelerated rapidly, transforming the technological landscape and driving nations to the forefront of innovation. **With the US and China locking horns over chip dominance, AI has become the new gold rush of the century.** Companies like NVIDIA, Google, and ByteDance are investing huge amounts into data centers and cloud infrastructure. However, as investments increase, many worry that this rapid growth might eventually lose momentum, leading to an overheated and unsustainable boom.

The rivalry between the US and China has given birth to two distinct AI ecosystems. On one side stand Western corporations, rallying around chipmakers and advanced cloud technologies. On the other, China is **bent on** achieving technological self-sufficiency, pouring resources into homegrown innovation. Both blocs are doubling down on infrastructure, aiming to outpace one another. However, as they race ahead relentlessly, some analysts warn that these ambitions may set off a dangerous spiral of overinvestment, speculation, and geopolitical tension.

Despite the optimistic forecasts, the risk of an AI bubble bursting looms large. Valuations have skyrocketed dramatically, and investors are throwing money left, right, and center without fully grasping the long-term profitability of such ventures. As capital flows rapidly into a handful of tech giants like OpenAI and NVIDIA, smaller startups struggle desperately to keep afloat. If growth projections fail to materialize, markets could tumble almost overnight, leaving companies to pick up the pieces of **inflated** expectations and short-lived hype.

Still, tech leaders firmly refuse to throw in the towel. **They** argue that even if the bubble bursts, the investment will undoubtedly lay the groundwork for future breakthroughs. As Mark Zuckerberg put it, “overinvestment today means transformation tomorrow.” The challenge lies in striking a delicate balance - keeping innovation alive without losing touch with economic reality. If managed wisely, the current frenzy might not end in tears but could instead genuinely pave the way for a new era of sustainable AI advancement.

(Adapted from VTV)

Question 1 [1098294]: Which of the following is **NOT** listed in the passage as a firm pouring significant resources into cloud infrastructure?

A. Google

B. Meta

C. NVIDIA

D. ByteDance

Question 2 [1098295]: The word **inflated** in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. amplified B. extended C. exaggerated D. lessened

Question 3 [1098296]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. As tensions ease between the US and China over chip control, AI has risen to become this century's major gold rush.
B. As the US and China clash for supremacy in chip technology, AI has emerged as the century's latest gold rush.
C. While the US and China battle for leadership in the software sector, AI is turning into the modern-day gold rush.
D. Amid the US–China rivalry for chip power, AI has transformed into the century's least sought-after gold rush.

Question 4 [1098297]: The word **They** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. Tech leaders B. Future breakthroughs
C. Smaller startups D. Western corporations

Question 5 [1098298]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The influx of considerable capital into corporate giants, notably OpenAI and NVIDIA, has resulted in the flourishing of smaller, nascent firms.
B. Zuckerberg asserted that the current excessive commitment of capital is already a guarantor of instantaneous economic gains.
C. There is a broad consensus among analysts that present aspirations carry negligible peril and are conducive to mitigating geopolitical friction.
D. Investors are heavily funding AI companies without clearly understanding whether these investments will be profitable in the long run.

Question 6 [1098299]: The phrase **bent on** in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. confused about B. tampered with C. determined to D. suited for

Question 7 [1098300]: Which paragraph highlights the idea that the present hype does not necessarily have to result in disappointment?

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

Question 8 [1098301]: Which paragraph mentions the emergence of two separate AI ecosystems due to international competition?

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

Read the following passage 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 9 to 14.

The Development of The Electrocardiogram

The electrocardiogram, or ECG, is a medical device that records the electrical activity of the heart. It was first invented in the early 1900s by a Dutch physiologist (9) _____ Willem Einthoven. Before his invention, doctors had struggled to understand heart irregularities because there were no (10) _____ tools for measuring heart signals.

Einthoven's early device was called the string galvanometer. It was large, required several operators, and (11) _____ an entire room. Einthoven had been studying the electrical patterns of the heart for several years when he began developing the machine. He noticed that each heartbeat produced a small electrical signal, and he believed that these signals could reveal (12) _____ information about heart conditions.

By 1905, Einthoven had succeeded in recording the first human ECG, (13) _____ marked a major breakthrough in cardiology. In the following decades, engineers and medical experts improved the technology, making the machines smaller, faster, and more accurate. Today, ECGs are used in hospitals and clinics around the world to diagnose a wide (14) _____ of heart problems, from arrhythmias to heart attacks.

(Adapted from ResearchGate)

- Question 9** [1098302]: A. named B. be named C. naming D. is naming
Question 10 [1098303]: A. inaccurately B. accuracy C. inaccurate D. accurate
Question 11 [1098304]: A. fitted in B. let down C. took up D. mixed with
Question 12 [1098305]: A. palpable B. valuable C. bearable D. sizeable
Question 13 [1098306]: A. which B. whom C. where D. when
Question 14 [1098307]: A. deal B. abundance C. number D. range

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 15 to 19.

Question 15 [1098308]:

- a. The city constantly celebrates diversity through cultural festivals, community events, and public art that reflect its global identity.
- b. As I explored different neighborhoods, I was amazed by the blend of traditions, from the scent of Indian spices in Little India to the elegant architecture in Chinatown.
- c. This experience not only made my trip unforgettable but also deepened my understanding of how enriching it is to live in a culturally inclusive environment.
- d. What struck me most was the mutual respect among residents, who embrace one another's customs, beliefs, and ways of life without judgment.
- e. Last summer, I had the chance to visit Toronto, a dynamic and multicultural city in Canada, where people from a wide range of cultural backgrounds coexist peacefully.

(Adapted from ScienceDirect)

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

Question 16 [1098309]:

- a. Carla: That makes sense, and it might also change how they view education, since they'll expect learning to be personalized and instantly accessible.
- b. Meryl: I think they'll reshape communication habits first, relying even more on AI-driven tools instead of traditional face-to-face conversations.
- c. Meryl: Exactly, and because they're exposed to diverse perspectives online so early, they may become more open-minded and challenge outdated social expectations.
- d. Carla: Yes, and ultimately, their comfort with rapid innovation could push society to adopt new norms faster than previous generations ever could.
- e. Carla: I've been wondering how Generation Alpha will interact with today's norms, especially since they're growing up surrounded by advanced technology.

(Adapted from The Real IELTS)

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

Question 17 [1098310]:

Dear Sir or Madam,

- a. As the number of people continues to rise, essential resources such as food, water, and housing are becoming increasingly strained.
- b. By taking collective action, we can ensure a better quality of life for both present and future generations.
- c. I believe governments should promote family planning programs and raise awareness about sustainable population management.
- d. I am writing to express my concern about the rapid population growth in many parts of the world today.
- e. This issue also puts pressure on healthcare systems, education, and job opportunities, especially in developing countries.

Sincerely,

Jim

(Adapted from Breaking News English)

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

Question 18 [1098311]:

- a. With 38 member countries, its goal is to address global economic challenges and enhance international cooperation.
- b. It plays a key role in establishing agreements and treaties to address various economic and environmental issues.
- c. The organization actively participates in discussions and negotiations to resolve economic issues and implement effective policies.
- d. The OECD, an international institution founded in 1961, is widely known for its efforts in promoting economic growth and cooperation among countries.
- e. Through its diplomatic efforts, the OECD fosters multilateral cooperation and contributes to global economic stability.

(Adapted from BBC News)

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

Question 19 [1098312]:

- a. Jack: I think with the right guidance and self-awareness, even those without natural emotional intelligence can cultivate it over time.
- b. Olivia: True, but some argue that it's hard to teach someone to be emotionally intelligent if they don't already possess those traits.
- c. Jack: Emotional intelligence is often overlooked, but it's essential for leadership and creating harmonious work environments.

(Adapted from BBC)

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

Read the passage about Sunday Scaries 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 20 to 29.

The term "Sunday Scaries" has become a pervasive cultural shorthand for the low-grade, yet insistent, anxiety that descends upon individuals as the weekend winds down. This pre-emptive dread, often manifesting late Sunday afternoon or evening, is far from a trivial bout of melancholy; rather, **it** represents a profound cognitive dissonance between the leisure of the present and the perceived demands of the imminent work week. **[I]** While ostensibly about the transition back to work, the deeper malaise frequently stems from an existential apprehension regarding professional efficacy, unfulfilled commitments, or the sheer monotony of routine. **It's an involuntary, almost visceral response to the creeping realization that the temporary reprieve of the weekend is nearing its denouement.**

[II] The pervasive expectation of omnipresence, fostered by instant communication technologies, means the professional sphere is never truly eclipsed by personal time. Consequently, the Sunday Scaries serve as a telltale indicator of underlying structural issues, such as burnout or a chronic lack of work-life integration. Individuals struggling with a heavy workload or micromanagement are particularly susceptible, as the Sunday transition merely highlights the insurmountable nature of the tasks ahead. For many, it's not the work itself that incites fear, but the encroachment of professional responsibilities on their personal autonomy.

Mitigating the debilitating effects of the Sunday Scaries requires a multifaceted, proactive approach that moves beyond simple distraction. A critical first step involves meticulous preparation, such as spending a brief, pre-designated period on Sunday evening to streamline the following day's tasks. This act of pre-emption can significantly alleviate the feeling of being overwhelmed. Furthermore, cultivating genuine mindfulness during the weekend is paramount; consciously eschewing the temptation to check work emails or ruminate over future deadlines helps to fortify the boundary between professional and personal life. The goal is to maximize the restorative quality of the time off, rendering the Monday morning transition less **jarring**. **[III]**

Ultimately, the persistent recurrence of the Sunday Scaries should prompt a deeper introspection into one's vocational alignment and well-being. If the anxiety remains intractable despite implementing coping strategies, it may signal a fundamental misalignment between an individual's core values and their current career path. While managing the symptoms offers temporary succor, addressing the root cause—be it an onerous job description, a toxic workplace culture, or an underlying psychological predisposition—is essential for achieving long-term equilibrium. [IV] The phenomenon, therefore, is not just a passing mood but a significant litmus test for personal and professional sustainability.

(Adapted from Vietcetera)

Question 20 [1098313]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

“This phenomenon is often exacerbated by a modern, hyper-connected work culture that makes true detachment increasingly tenuous.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 21 [1098314]: The word **jarring** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. soothing B. pleasant C. seamless D. abrupt

Question 22 [1098315]: According to paragraph 1, the "Sunday Scaries" _____.

- A. is a nagging anxiety about work that usually lasts all Sunday
 B. mostly affects people who generally dislike their jobs
 C. signals a deep conflict between enjoying leisure and anticipating work
 D. is unrelated to the demands of the approaching work week

Question 23 [1098316]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Alleviating the Sunday Scaries necessitates a strategic combination of pre-planning and mindfulness to preserve the restorative benefits of the weekend.
 B. The exclusive remedy for the "Sunday Scaries" lies in pre-emptive completion of all professional commitments, thereby circumventing undue stress.
 C. The principal means of curtailing Sunday apprehension involves engaging in diversionary pastimes and consciously shelving thoughts about the approaching workweek.
 D. The phenomenon known as the "Sunday Scaries" is dismissible, given its status as an inconsequential, yet unavoidable psychological irritant.

Question 24 [1098317]: What groups of people are especially affected by the anxiety of the Sunday transition?

- A. Those burdened by excessive tasks or strict managerial oversight.
 B. Those who dedicate Sundays entirely to leisure activities.
 C. Those who have flexible schedules and minimal deadlines.
 D. Those who are indifferent to their work responsibilities.

Question 25 [1098318]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. This is an unconscious, strongly embodied response to the gradual realization that the weekend's fleeting relief is completely irrelevant.
- B. It represents an automatic, deeply instinctive reaction to the gradual awareness that the brief respite of the weekend is approaching its conclusion.
- C. This involuntary, corporeal sensation arises from the creeping understanding that the weekend's brief joy has already ended.
- D. It constitutes a reflexive, almost somatic reaction to the insidious recognition that the weekend's temporary sanctuary might be nearing its beginning.

Question 26 [1098319]: What might persistent anxiety indicate even after applying coping strategies?

- A. The need to adopt additional temporary relief methods to manage stress.
- B. The necessity of avoiding all career-related challenges to achieve balance.
- C. A fundamental misalignment between personal values and professional trajectory.
- D. That the individual should increase their productivity to overcome anxiety.

Question 27 [1098320]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The sporadic consultation of professional correspondence during the weekend actually enhances personal attunement and erodes the demarcation between one's vocational responsibilities and antediluvian pursuits.
- B. The primary cause of the malaise is the lack of leisure during weekends rather than any professional or existential concerns.
- C. For most employees, the primary source of anxiety is the intrinsic difficulty or volume of work tasks, rather than any infringement on personal autonomy.
- D. Merely alleviating superficial stressors without confronting the underlying sources of distress is unlikely to cultivate enduring psychological stability.

Question 28 [1098321]: The word **it** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. cultural shorthand
- B. an existential apprehension
- C. the pre-emptive dread
- D. a trivial bout of melancholy

Question 29 [1098322]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Although technology causes work to be omnipresent, fueling the "Sunday Scaries," the resolution primarily requires a vocational reassessment to determine if there is a fundamental misalignment between personal values and the current career path.
- B. The "Sunday Scaries" is pre-work anxiety that goes beyond workload, serving as an indicator of structural issues like burnout or poor work-life integration, necessitating both immediate coping strategies and deeper professional introspection.
- C. The "Sunday Scaries" is a common cultural phenomenon caused by anxiety about returning to work, but it can be alleviated by planning on Sunday evening and practicing mindfulness throughout the weekend.
- D. The "Sunday Scaries" most often affect workers burdened by excessive tasks or tight managerial control; consequently, they ought to focus on fully restoring themselves during the weekend to soften the shock of returning to work on Monday.

Read the following passage 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 30 to 35.

The Promise & Challenges of Future Cities From Connectivity to Sustainability

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

Modern cities are working to integrate advanced digital systems and branch (30) _____ through smart services that enhance daily life. While one city leads in data-sharing infrastructure to reduce congestion and improve services, another focuses on developing (31) _____ to cut emissions.

DEALING WITH COMPLEXITY

Innovation comes with complexity: smart systems generate vast amounts of data and demand extensive coordination among the government, private sectors, (32) _____ citizens. To manage this, authorities must take on both technical challenges and rising public (33) _____, ensuring that no group is left behind.

MODELS TO LEARN FROM

As innovation spreads, cities around the world are experimenting with different solutions. Some cities use solar panels; (34) _____ deploy AI to optimize energy flow and traffic systems. The other cities still face barriers such as weak infrastructure and policy delays. Nevertheless, several pilot projects have been set up to get the (35) _____ rolling on reducing waste and encouraging citizen feedback, offering useful insights for others.

(Adapted from ScienceDirect)

Question 30 [1098323]: A. out B. up C. across D. through

Question 31 [1098324]: A. transportation green networks
B. green networks transportation
C. green transportation networks
D. networks green transportation

Question 32 [1098325]: A. nor B. and C. when D. yet

Question 33 [1098326]: A. supports B. accounts C. attentions D. expectations

Question 34 [1098327]: A. every B. others C. another D. much

Question 35 [1098328]: A. mud B. bill C. ball D. air

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

Polar tourism has surged in recent years, attracting visitors to the breathtaking Arctic and Antarctic landscapes. Surprisingly, this surge is accompanied by the responsibility for protecting fragile ecosystems, which heavily falls on the tourists, (36) _____. These remote regions offer unparalleled beauty and rare wildlife encounters but remain highly vulnerable to human impact; even the slightest disruptions, like environmental contamination or overexposure to human activity, (37) _____.

Witnessing the pristine icebergs and encountering rare wildlife, visitors' ecological footprint impacts delicate natural processes, so they must remain conscious of their actions to minimize disruption. (38) _____. Many tour operators follow guidelines from organizations like the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) to promote sustainable practices. However, climate change accelerates ice melt, and increasing tourist activity adds stress to already fragile ecosystems.

(39) _____. Sustainable tourism initiatives, such as carbon offset programs and eco-friendly vessel technologies, can help mitigate damage. Tourists must also adhere to conservation guidelines and support responsible travel companies. (40) _____ as a rare privilege, simultaneously advancing comprehensive global environmental consciousness and safeguarding fragile ecosystems from exploitation.

(Adapted from ScienceDirect)

Question 36 [1098329]:

- A. whose direct interaction with these environments necessitates careful conservation efforts
- B. every one of whom engages with these habitats entails careful oversight and protection
- C. among which careful conservation efforts are necessary due to their hands-on interactions
- D. those with direct interaction with these environments must make careful conservation efforts

Question 37 [1098330]:

- A. long-lasting effects on both biodiversity and ecosystem stability can arise from
- B. to lead to sustained effects for both ecological diversity and ecosystem equilibrium
- C. can result in enduring repercussions for both biodiversity and the stability of ecosystems
- D. resulting in long-term impacts on both species variety and ecosystem balance

Question 38 [1098331]:

- A. Strict regulations, which include visitor quotas and biosecurity measures, help to minimize environmental damage
- B. Environmental harm helps stringent regulations, which include visitor quotas and biosecurity measures, be reduced
- C. Visitor quotas and biosecurity measures aid in minimizing strict rules, which include environmental damage
- D. Mitigate environmental damage through rigorous policies, which include visitor quotas and biosecurity measures

Question 39 [1098332]:

- A. Cooperation among authorities, tour operators, yet environmental bodies necessitates the safeguarding of these regions
- B. Preserving these regions requires collaboration between governments, tour operators, and environmental organizations
- C. To safeguard these areas, it is required that governments, tour operators, and environmental organizations worked together
- D. For preserving, the requirement for these areas is the collaboration of governments, tour operators, and environmental organizations

Question 40 [1098333]:

- A. Polar tourism can only continue deliberation through mindful involvement
- B. Only through deliberate, mindful participation can polar tourism persist
- C. Only participation through conscious and careful can polar tourism continue
- D. Through deliberate, mindful involvement, can polar tourism persist, only

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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 1 to 6.

REVOLUTIONIZE YOUR AIR- BREATHE PURITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

In an era where air pollution has insidiously permeated every corner of urban life, AeroPure X emerges as the ultimate game-changer, redefining the very essence of clean air. Equipped with (1) _____, this state-of-the-art air purifier eradicates 99.97% of airborne pollutants - an achievement unrivaled in modern purification systems. Designed with an AI-powered adaptive filtration system, AeroPure X automatically adjusts (2) _____ fluctuating pollution levels, ensuring an unparalleled indoor atmosphere. The device, engineered (3) _____ even the most pernicious toxins, operates in whisper-quiet mode, seamlessly blending into your lifestyle. With a sleek, minimalist (4) _____, it transforms your living space into a sanctuary where clean air is no longer a luxury but a given. For those grappling with respiratory ailments, this revolutionary purifier acts as a lifeline, (5) _____ your health from the relentless onslaught of pollution. As air quality continues to plummet, don't let your health deteriorate - (6) _____ control today!

(Adapted from IQAir)

- Question 1** [1098340]: A. technology cutting-edge nanofiltration
 B. nanofiltration cutting-edge technology
 C. cutting-edge technology nanofiltration
 D. cutting-edge nanofiltration technology

Question 2 [1098341]: A. to B. with C. for D. in

Question 3 [1098342]: A. neutralizing B. neutralize
 C. to neutralize D. to neutralizing

Question 4 [1098343]: A. aesthetically B. aesthetic C. aesthetician D. aesthetical

Question 5 [1098344]: A. shielded B. which shield C. shield D. shielding

Question 6 [1098345]: A. pick B. seize C. grab D. steal

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

THE SALAMANDER

Features

The salamander is often (7) _____ for a lizard because of its body shape. However, it is a distinct amphibian with unique characteristics. Some salamanders have distinctive spots that help them camouflage or warn predators. These amphibians have the

remarkable ability to regenerate their limbs, spinal cord, and even their heart. Researchers are (8) _____ ways to understand and replicate this regenerative process for potential medical applications. Over time, salamanders have adapted to thrive in specific habitats, showcasing (9) _____ diversity in their physical traits. Scientists are still trying to (10) _____ how this regenerative ability works, as it could open new doors for regenerative medicine.

Habitat and ecological role

Salamanders often inhabit damp environments where leaves accumulate on the forest floor. Their survival depends on healthy soil, which they use for laying eggs and seeking refuge. If these environments become disturbed, their populations could (11) _____, leading to a negative impact on the food chain. Salamanders play an integral role in maintaining the overall health of the forest ecosystem.

Threats and human interaction

A major threat to salamanders today is environmental pollution, which contaminates their habitats. Historically, salamanders have been used in traditional medicine for their perceived healing (12) _____. In their larval stage, some species resemble a frog due to their external gills. Climate change is a significant threat, as fluctuations in temperature affect salamander survival and breeding patterns.

(Adapted from IELTS Listening Test)

Question 7 [1098346]: A. mistaken B. counterfeit C. incorrect D. defective

Question 8 [1098347]: A. On account of B. on the brink of
C. on the lookout for D. in charge of

Question 9 [1098348]: A. several B. many
C. a large number of D. a great deal of

Question 10 [1098349]: A. wear off B. figure out C. hold on D. get across

Question 11 [1098350]: A. escalate B. proliferate C. burgeon D. dwindle

Question 12 [1098351]: A. properties B. equities C. belongings D. estates

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

Question 13 [1098352]:

a. Alice: That's true, Ben, but the real challenge lies in balancing technological advancements with ethical considerations. It's a delicate matter.

b. Ben: I agree. The ramifications of AI are profound, especially with how it can infiltrate personal data. But I believe proper regulation could mitigate some of these risks.

c. Alice: Have you ever considered the implications of artificial intelligence on privacy? I think it's an issue we need to address before it becomes too pervasive.

A. a-b-c

B. b-a-c

C. c-b-a

D. c-a-b

Question 14 [1098353]:

- a. David: Sarah, have you considered the long-term consequences of climate change on biodiversity?
- b. Sarah: But global cooperation seems challenging, given the political and economic disparities between nations.
- c. David: Exactly. It's crucial to implement sustainable practices to mitigate further environmental degradation.
- d. Sarah: Yes, the loss of habitats and the extinction of species could create an ecological imbalance. It's alarming.
- e. David: True, the issue is exacerbated by the lack of political will to address the root causes of climate change.

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

Question 15 [1098354]:

Dear Oliver,

- a. It was an unforgettable night, one that I wish I could relive over and over again.
- b. The moment she walked on stage, the entire arena erupted, yet as soon as she began singing, an almost sacred silence fell over the crowd.
- c. When she performed Someone Like You, thousands of voices joined hers, creating a moment so hauntingly beautiful that I had chills.
- d. Her voice was even more powerful in person, carrying raw emotion that made every lyric feel like a personal confession.
- e. Last night was nothing short of magical - I finally got to see Adele perform live, and I'm still in awe.

Best,

Jennifer

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

Question 16 [1098355]:

- a. The cable car ride also provided a unique vantage point to witness the city's iconic ice sculptures, which were even more breathtaking from above.
- b. During my visit to Harbin, I had the unforgettable experience of taking a cable car ride over the beautiful Songhua River.
- c. The cold, crisp air added to the magic of the moment, making it feel like I was gliding through a winter wonderland.
- d. It was a moment of tranquility amidst the hustle of the city, and I left the experience feeling deeply refreshed.
- e. The view from above was mesmerizing, as I could see the entire city sprawling beneath me, with the snow-capped trees and buildings blending into a perfect winter landscape.

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

Question 17 [1098356]:

- a. While it connects people from all over the world, it can also create a false sense of reality, leading to comparison and insecurity.
- b. Additionally, the spread of misinformation and cyberbullying is a serious concern that makes social media a potentially harmful space.
- c. Social media can be a double-edged sword, offering both benefits and dangers.
- d. It's important for users to be aware of these risks and use social media in a balanced, mindful way.
- e. The constant pressure to present a perfect life online can negatively impact mental health, especially among young people.

A. c-a-b-d-e

B. a-d-b-c-e

C. c-a-e-b-d

D. a-b-c-e-d

Read the following passage about the ViFuture Prize 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.

The VinFuture Prize, an international award established in Vietnam in 2020, (18) _____. The initiative strives to highlight solutions that address global challenges and create sustainable, equitable advancements in science and technology. The VinFuture Foundation, (19) _____, maintains a rigorous evaluation process to identify the most impactful breakthroughs. The foundation aims to inspire a new era of discovery by showcasing achievements that push the boundaries of human knowledge and capability.

Encouraging worldwide participation and inclusivity, (20) _____. These prestigious awards underscore the foundation's commitment to broadening access to scientific recognition and support. (21) _____. This approach not only supports current leaders in research but also inspires future generations to pursue groundbreaking endeavors.

Since its inception, the VinFuture Prize has gained international acclaim by honoring pioneering figures who have made significant contributions to their fields. Past laureates have included researchers who developed life-saving vaccines, revolutionized artificial intelligence, and advanced sustainable energy solutions. (22) _____. By advocating for sustainable growth and fairness, it encourages other nations to take similar action. The global community benefits from the ripple effects, as innovative breakthroughs driven by VINFuture laureates gradually shape a brighter, more inclusive world.

(Adapted from <https://vingroup.net>)

Question 18 [1098357]:

- A. of which innovations are acknowledged to affect transformative progress across diverse dimensions of human development and societal well-being worldwide
- B. having acknowledged innovations affecting transformative progress across diverse dimensions of human development and societal well-being worldwide
- C. commending cutting-edge discoveries that create transformative impacts across various domains of human progress and societal enrichment
- D. acknowledges innovations affecting transformative progress across diverse dimensions of human development and societal well-being worldwide

Question 19 [1098358]:

- A. primarily focused on recognizing past achievements rather than encouraging future discoveries
- B. to limit its focus to theoretical research rather than practical advancements
- C. which is committed to this mission and continually seeks to support groundbreaking research with real-world applications
- D. faces significant obstacles in its efforts to promote global innovation and scientific development

Question 20 [1098359]:

- A. underrepresented groups and transformative emerging fields receive priority as the VinFuture Prize grants a \$3 million Grand Prize and three \$500,000 Special Prizes
- B. innovators from underrepresented groups and transformative emerging fields receive a \$3 million Grand Prize and three \$500,000 Special Prizes from the VinFuture Prize
- C. these two principles prioritize underrepresented groups and transformative emerging fields while awarding a \$3 million Grand Prize and three \$500,000 Special Prizes
- D. the VinFuture Prize awards a \$3 million Grand Prize and three \$500,000 Special Prizes, prioritizing innovators from underrepresented groups and transformative emerging fields

Question 21 [1098360]:

- A. Although the VinFuture Prize ignores complex issues, it aims to establish a thriving global ecosystem of pioneers committed to addressing the world's most diverse innovations
- B. Through steadfastly promoting diverse contributions, the VinFuture Prize aims to build a dynamic, global ecosystem of visionary innovators addressing humanity's most complex challenges
- C. Consistently encouraging a wide range of contributions, the VinFuture Prize seeks to cultivate a vibrant international network of innovators focused on advancing consumer technology trends
- D. The VinFuture Prize strives to foster a dynamic and global community of visionary minds, tackling only minor technological inconveniences

Question 22 [1098361]:

- A. Representing a beacon of innovation, the VinFuture Prize solidifies Vietnam's role as a scientific contribution
- B. The VinFuture Prize slows down transformative change on a global scale
- C. Most VinFuture laureates have been awarded for their work in promoting fictional literature
- D. As an emblem of advancement, the VinFuture Prize cements Vietnam's stature as a global leader in innovation

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

In the ever-evolving landscape of public scrutiny, celebrity apologies have become pivotal moments that can either rehabilitate a public figure's reputation or irreversibly tarnish it. A carefully crafted apology must not only acknowledge the **transgression** but also demonstrate genuine remorse and a commitment to rectification. When Lizzo re-released her single GRRRLS after altering an ableist lyric, her response was lauded for **its** sincerity and swiftness. Unlike many public figures who resort to vague expressions of regret or defensive justifications, she provided a comprehensive statement that aligned with her well-established values of inclusivity and empowerment.

A crucial component of any effective apology is the explicit recognition of the mistake. Lizzo directly addressed the issue by affirming that she never intended to promote **derogatory** language, thereby clarifying her stance while accepting responsibility. Acknowledging an error in such a manner is essential, as it reinforces the idea that accountability is more valuable than self-preservation. When public figures attempt to deflect blame or dilute their culpability through passive language, their apologies ring hollow, further alienating the audience they seek to reconcile with. Many have fallen into this trap, issuing statements riddled with phrases like, "If I offended anyone," which places the burden on the victim instead of the offender.

Equally important is the expression of genuine remorse, which distinguishes an authentic apology from a mere damage-control tactic. Lizzo's statement conveyed an understanding of the profound impact words can have, particularly for marginalized communities. By referencing her own experiences with harmful language, she established an empathetic connection, ensuring her apology was perceived as heartfelt rather than obligatory. **When celebrities do not demonstrate sincere contrition, their apologies seem mechanical, crafted solely to appease public outrage instead of fostering genuine understanding, meaningful reflection, or personal growth in response to criticism.** Her approach prevented such skepticism by ensuring her words reflected a deeper comprehension of the issue at hand.

An apology devoid of meaningful action is ultimately ineffectual, as words alone cannot undo harm. By promptly revising the song's lyrics and re-releasing it, Eizzo translated her apology into tangible change, demonstrating a willingness to learn from her misstep. Timeliness further cemented the efficacy of her response, as excessive delays often render apologies performative rather than reparative. This incident exemplifies how acknowledging an error, expressing remorse, and implementing corrective measures can collectively restore public trust, ensuring that a misstep becomes an opportunity for growth rather than an irreversible stain on one's legacy.

(Adapted from The Conversation)

Question 23 [1098362]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as an element of an effective celebrity apology?

- A. expressing genuine remorse for the transgression committed
- B. aligning the apology with personal values and beliefs
- C. demonstrating a willingness to change public perception
- D. acknowledging the mistake and taking responsibility for it

Question 24 [1098363]: The word "**transgression**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. obedience
- B. integrity
- C. conformity
- D. violation

Question 25 [1098364]: The word "**derogatory**" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. sarcastic
- B. complimentary
- C. offensive
- D. critical

Question 26 [1098365]: The word "**its**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. response
- B. ableist lyric
- C. genuine remorse
- D. single GRRRLS

Question 27 [1098366]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Celebrities often deliver public apologies that seem heartfelt but are actually attempts to protect their reputation, using public criticism as a way to gain sympathy.
- B. When public figures are criticized, they frequently choose to remain silent or avoid acknowledging their mistakes, preferring to let the controversy pass rather than offering apologies.
- C. Apologies from celebrities are usually sincere efforts to engage with public concern, demonstrating their desire to learn from mistakes, show personal growth, and build stronger trust with their audience.
- D. When famous people apologize without real remorse, their words feel insincere and aimed only at calming public anger rather than showing true understanding or self-improvement.

Question 28 [1098367]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. An apology without explicit recognition of wrongdoing can still be effective if it includes reassurances and promises for the future.
- B. Lizzo's apology was criticized for lacking immediacy and failing to demonstrate a clear understanding of the harm caused.
- C. Public figures can rebuild trust more effectively by focusing on self-preservation rather than openly admitting fault.
- D. Lizzo's reference to her personal experiences with harmful language helped convey empathy and deepen the sincerity of her apology.

Question 29 [1098368]: In which paragraph does the writer mention a causal relationship?

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

Question 30 [1098369]: In which paragraph does the writer mention how some individuals use language that subtly deflects blame rather than taking full responsibility?

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

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

Google Translate has recently undergone a significant transformation by integrating a neural network into its translation framework, allowing **it** to process entire sentences rather than fragmented words or isolated phrases. This advanced system facilitates a more context-aware approach, enabling a higher degree of linguistic accuracy across multiple language pairs. A remarkable breakthrough of this neural translation model is its capacity to translate between two languages it has not been explicitly trained on, leveraging previously acquired linguistic structures. For instance, if the system has learned to translate between English and Japanese, as well as English and Korean, it can extrapolate this knowledge to translate directly between Japanese and Korean without resorting to English as an intermediary language.

This phenomenon, known as zero-shot translation, suggests that the system has devised an internal method of representing sentences with equivalent meanings in a shared linguistic space, bypassing conventional intermediary translation. Researchers at Google postulate that the system has developed an "interlingua," a latent, abstract language that allows it to identify deep structural commonalities across otherwise unrelated languages. Though this artificial intermediary is neither readable nor comprehensible to humans, its existence underscores the system's ability to discern linguistic parallels on a fundamental level. Despite the promising nature of zero-shot translation, experts **concede** that it has yet to achieve the accuracy of conventional translation methods, where sentences are first rendered in an intermediary language before being translated into the target language.

The ramifications of neural machine translation transcend mere efficiency enhancements, as this breakthrough may expedite the extensive expansion of translation capabilities, accommodating an increasingly vast array of languages with unprecedented scalability. Kyunghyun Cho, a prominent researcher in the field, anticipates that a single neural model will soon be capable of translating between more than a hundred languages with minimal human intervention. With Google Translate already processing over 140 billion words per day, this technological advancement has the potential to revolutionize global communication by mitigating linguistic barriers more seamlessly than ever before. Nevertheless, while neural translation has demonstrated remarkable progress, it remains constrained by certain limitations that prevent it from fully replicating the expertise of a skilled human translator. Those who can **read between the lines** may recognize that, despite its sophistication, machine translation still lacks a crucial human element.

[I] Although artificial intelligence can proficiently handle straightforward translations, it continues to struggle with the complexities of linguistic nuance, cultural context, and stylistic variation. [II] A human translator possesses an intuitive grasp of idiomatic expressions, connotations, and domain-specific terminology, elements that remain elusive to machines. [III] According to Andrejs Vasiljevs, a researcher specializing in neural translation for Baltic languages, future advancements must incorporate broader world knowledge and subject-specific expertise to refine interpretative accuracy. [IV]

(Adapted from New Scientist)

Question 31 [1098370]: Where in paragraph 4 does the following sentence best fit?

“Until neural translation systems can assimilate and apply such depth of understanding, human translators will remain indispensable for intricate, context-sensitive, and stylistically demanding translation tasks.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1098371]: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a characteristic of zero-shot translation?

- A. It eliminates the need for an intermediary language in translation
 B. It has not yet surpassed traditional translation methods in accuracy
 C. It creates a fully human-readable language for universal communication
 D. It identifies structural similarities between languages that are unrelated

Question 33 [1098372]: The word "**concede**" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. deny firmly B. acknowledge reluctantly
 C. accept partially D. admit after hesitation

Question 34 [1098373]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Neural machine translation enhances efficiency and may soon replace human translators entirely, as advancements allow it to process over 140 billion words daily and scale across multiple languages without significant limitations or human involvement.
- B. While neural machine translation enhances efficiency and scalability, it has not yet reached the level of human expertise, highlighting both its revolutionary potential and its current limitations.
- C. Although neural machine translation has made notable progress, its overall impact remains limited, as it still faces major challenges in expanding beyond a small number of widely spoken languages, preventing it from becoming a truly universal translation tool.
- D. Google Translate's neural machine translation has significantly improved global communication, as it now accurately processes numerous languages and eliminates the need for human translators by overcoming linguistic barriers with flawless precision.

Question 35 [1098374]: The phrase "read between the lines" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. infer deeper significance based on assumptions and personal bias
- B. discern underlying meanings that are not directly stated
- C. analyze the explicit meaning of a statement
- D. ignore hidden implications and focus on surface details

Question 36 [1098375]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. On no account should neural machine translation be viewed as merely an efficiency tool, since it primarily aims to refine language comprehension rather than expand translation capabilities.
- B. The primary benefit of neural machine translation lies in its ability to speed up translation processes, while its impact on the expansion of language translation remains uncertain and requires further development.
- C. While neural machine translation improves efficiency, its ability to scale up and accommodate a growing number of languages is still limited and depends on future technological advancements.
- D. Neural machine translation's influence surpasses mere efficiency, expediting the widespread advancement of translation frameworks adept at accommodating an ever-expanding spectrum of languages.

Question 37 [1098376]: The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. neural network
- B. Google Translate
- C. translation framework
- D. significant transformation

- Question 38** [1098377]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
- A. Thanks to advancements in efficiency, neural translation surpasses conventional methods in accuracy, as it can interpret linguistic nuances and stylistic variations without requiring human expertise.
 - B. Google Translate’s neural network enhances accuracy across languages, but experts believe its current reliance on intermediary languages hinders its ability to recognize structural similarities effectively.
 - C. Neural machine translation enables seamless multilingual communication and has eliminated the need for intermediary languages, making human translators redundant in complex linguistic and cultural contexts.
 - D. Zero-shot translation enables neural machine translation systems to process multiple languages without relying on an intermediary language, suggesting the development of an abstract interlingua.
- Question 39** [1098378]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Google’s translation system proves that language structures are universally identical, making it easier for AI to interpret and translate between unrelated languages accurately.
 - B. The development of interlingua suggests that AI translation systems can now accurately translate between any two languages without prior training or limitations.
 - C. Neural translation advancements may reduce language barriers, yet achieving human-like fluency in complex contexts remains a significant challenge for artificial intelligence.
 - D. Zero-shot translation simplifies multilingual communication, yet its reliance on an unreadable interlingua limits its ability to improve conventional translation accuracy.
- Question 40** [1098379]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?
- A. Despite its recent integration of neural networks, Google Translate remains an inefficient tool for global communication, as it still relies heavily on outdated translation methods and fails to improve its overall accuracy.
 - B. The rise of neural machine translation has significantly improved global communication, as AI can now process multiple languages with near-human precision, effectively eliminating the need for human translators by addressing cultural and linguistic nuances through advanced computational learning models and extensive training.
 - C. Neural machine translation is revolutionizing communication by translating between languages without explicit training, yet despite its efficiency, AI still fails to match human expertise in idiomatic expressions, domain-specific terminology, and cultural interpretation, making further advancements necessary for complete linguistic accuracy.
 - D. Neural machine translation enhances efficiency and enables multilingual communication, yet it still struggles with linguistic nuances, cultural context, and stylistic complexity, preventing it from fully replicating the expertise of human translators despite advancements in zero-shot translation and interlingua development.

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The recent groundswell of youth-led climate activism is defined not by its policy papers but by its direct challenge to the status quo, a challenge expressed through mass protests that disrupt daily life, strategic social media campaigns that bypass traditional gatekeepers, and, most provocatively, through (1) _____, all of which aim to make complacency politically costly.

By framing the climate crisis as a matter of intergenerational justice, a powerful rhetorical strategy, these young activists force a conversation that is deeply uncomfortable for established institutions, (2) _____. This reframing from a technical problem to a moral failing is the primary source of the movement's profound emotional power and its ability to mobilize.

This approach, however, is not without its detractors. (3) _____. The counterargument is that without concrete, politically feasible proposals, the movement risks being perceived as more of a critique than a constructive force, a perception that could limit its long-term legislative influence.

(4) _____. The movement's enduring significance, therefore, may not lie in the specific policies it immediately achieves. The final measure of its impact, a metric that historians will likely debate for years, is attributable both to its success in shifting the Overton window of what is considered politically possible, a feat that was unthinkable just a decade ago, and to (5) _____ for all subsequent environmental and social justice campaigns.

(Adapted from Frontiers)

Question 1 [1098418]:

- A. to unflinchingly confront world leaders about their perceived hypocrisy
- B. the perception of world leaders as unflinchingly hypocritical in their confrontations
- C. its unflinching confrontation of world leaders over their perceived hypocrisy
- D. that world leaders are confronted unflinchingly over their perceived hypocrisy

Question 2 [1098419]:

- A. if the fundamental question is the future of legitimately profiting from this unsustainability
- B. though an unsustainable future makes the legitimacy of profitable questioning fundamental
- C. while the fundamental question of legitimacy is how to profit unsustainably from the future
- D. since it fundamentally questions the legitimacy of profiting from an unsustainable future

Question 3 [1098420]:

- A. The movement's critics, however, level a recurring criticism against the concreteness of its purported policy alternatives.
- B. Alternatively, a recurring criticism leveled against the movement is the purported lack of a concrete policy, though.
- C. A alternative to a concrete policy, however, is the recurring criticism purportedly leveled against the movement's lack.
- D. A recurring criticism leveled against the movement, however, is its purported lack of concrete policy alternatives

Question 4 [1098421]:

- A. Such a perspective, however, arguably misinterprets a deliberate feature as a fundamental flaw
- B. A fundamental flaw, however, is the arguable misinterpretation of this perspective's deliberate feature
- C. A flawed perspective, however, is an arguable misinterpretation of a deliberate and fundamental feature
- D. It is arguable, however, that such a misinterpretation of a deliberate feature is a flawed perspective

Question 5 [1098422]:

- A. the effective profundity of establishing the new moral baseline
- B. its profound effectiveness in establishing a new moral baseline
- C. a new morality profoundly established from an effective baseline
- D. basing a new morality on an established line is profoundly effective

Read the following leaflet 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 6 to 11.

Digital Detox Challenge - Reconnect with the Real World

Feeling overwhelmed by screens? Here are simple steps to make the practice (6) _____ digital detox:

- Set a realistic goal, like limiting screen time to an hour daily.
- Chart your progress with a mobile app, (7) _____ use a notebook for offline tracking.
- Make the most of moments to engage in calming tasks, like arranging (8) _____ or taking mindful walks.
- Rally friends and (9) _____ peers to join the challenge, and try (10) _____ everyone's focus to activities like board game nights.
- Treat yourself to a relaxing outing when your efforts pay (11) _____ to keep your momentum going.

Join the challenge at <https://digitaldetox2025.vn/>.

(Adapted from wearesocial.com)

Question 13 [1098430]: The word **distort** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. direct
- B. misrepresent
- C. conceal
- D. exaggerate

Question 14 [1098431]: The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. users
- B. designers
- C. outcomes
- D. choices

Question 15 [1098432]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Rather than being casually included, default subscriptions and automatic add-ons reflect a purposeful tactic during setup.
- B. Though often unnoticed, built-in subscriptions and bundled options sometimes result from strategic intention.
- C. What seems like a standard set of preselected and trivial charges is, in fact, the product of intentional placement.
- D. Subscriptions by default and opt-out supplements are not unintentional but are selected with a strategic purpose.

Question 16 [1098433]: The word **covert** in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. explicit
- B. strategic
- C. discreet
- D. suggestive

Question 17 [1098434]: Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 3?

- A. Health platforms employ customized prompts to promote consistent physical activity among users.
- B. Most energy apps modify their notifications based on seasonal changes in environmental conditions.
- C. Ethical nudging should reveal the intent behind prompts to maintain user engagement nowadays.
- D. Positive nudges tend to prioritize user welfare by aligning with individual preferences and goals.

Question 18 [1098435]: Which paragraph mentions the role of user awareness in ethical nudging?

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

Question 19 [1098436]: Which paragraph mentions influence through option layout?

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

Read the following piece of news 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 20 to 25.

Hue Storytelling Festival

The Hue Storytelling Festival celebrates the art of oral narratives, weaving global and local tales to enchant audiences. This year’s event marks a cultural triumph with these key features:

- A record-breaking (20) _____ of storytellers, featuring twenty groups from diverse regions.
- A dazzling (21) _____ of traditional and contemporary stories, poised to be the festival’s finest yet.
- HeritageVoice Network, an initiative (22) _____ by Vietnam’s Ministry of Culture, debuting with a collection of timeless tales, told in a (23) _____ style for audiences.
- Performances (24) _____ take place from July 5 to July 12 are set to mesmerize thousands with their storytelling craft.
- A decade of success that has enabled Hue to (25) _____ its mission of preserving cultural narratives worldwide.

Explore more at <https://huestoryfest2025.vn/>.

(Adapted from *Vietnam Tourism*)

- Question 20** [1098437]: A. deal B. volume C. amount D. quantity
Question 21 [1098438]: A. presentation B. presentative C. present D. presentably
Question 22 [1098439]: A. spearheading B. spearheaded
 C. to spearhead D. has spearheaded
Question 23 [1098440]: A. lively B. cheerful C. charming D. candid
Question 24 [1098441]: A. which B. what C. who D. whose
Question 25 [1098442]: A. take out B. bring out C. carry out D. sort out

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 26 to 30.

- Question 26** [1098443]:
- Many cities have focused on community-based policing, which has helped build trust between law enforcement and local residents, leading to better cooperation and a reduction in criminal activities.
 - While challenges remain, these policies have certainly contributed to a noticeable drop in crime rates, fostering safer communities.
 - Moreover, the use of technology in policing, including surveillance cameras and data analytics, has enabled more efficient crime detection and prevention.
 - Additionally, there has been an increase in preventive measures, such as improved education and social services, which address the root causes of crime.
 - The recent decline in crime rates can be largely attributed to the implementation of effective policies.

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

Question 27 [1098444]:

- a. Lisa: Yes, I did! The fine has almost doubled. I think it's a great move to make people more cautious.
- b. Mark: Hey, Lisa! Have you heard about the increase in fines for running red lights starting January 1st?
- c. Lisa: Exactly! But with the new fines, I've noticed fewer people running red lights lately. Everyone seems to be more careful now.
- d. Mark: It's working! People are paying more attention to the signals now.
- e. Mark: I agree. Many people used to ignore red lights, especially at night when traffic is less heavy.

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

Question 28 [1098445]:

- a. Alex: I've started walking daily- it's simple, and I feel so much better already. Have you tried it?
- b. Alex: Totally! Plus, it's free and fits into any routine.
- c. Taylor: Yeah, it's great! It's like exercise without the hassle and helps with stress and heart health.

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

Question 29 [1098446]:

- a. Online shopping has become increasingly popular, replacing traditional in-store shopping for many consumers.
- b. Additionally, online platforms often provide a wider variety of products and better prices, which makes it more attractive for budget-conscious shoppers.
- c. Another factor contributing to this trend is the rise of fast and reliable delivery services, making online purchases more efficient.
- d. As technology continues to advance, it is likely that the preference for online shopping will keep growing, further transforming the retail landscape.
- e. One of the main reasons for this shift is the convenience that online shopping offers, allowing people to shop from the comfort of their own homes at any time.

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

Question 30 [1098447]:

Dear Customer Service,

- a. The Smart Home Speaker (model SHS-2024), bought on November 20th, 2024, stopped functioning properly within three days.
- b. I expect a replacement or a full refund without further delay.
- c. Despite claims of reliability, the device fails to connect to other devices and shuts down unexpectedly.
- d. Kindly address this matter promptly and provide an update at your earliest convenience.
- e. A recent purchase from your store has left me extremely disappointed.

Best regards,

Laura Mitchell

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

Read the 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 31 to 40

China seeks a silver lining as it tells companies to target older consumers

In the past few months, Wang Shuyun, a 78-year-old retiree in Beijing, splashed out on an 8,000 yuan (\$1,115) nutrition course and spent 1,200 yuan on new Adidas shoes. Drawing on a far-above-average monthly pension of 10,000 yuan, she regularly procures imported milk and prioritizes her personal well-being. [I] "I focus on living a good life for myself, which I consider the most important goal," said Wang.

She is part of a 300-million-strong retiree population, the core of a "silver economy" that Beijing is now vigorously promoting. [II] The government's urgency is twofold. China is undergoing a rapid demographic aging, with the number of people aged 60 and above set to hit 400 million by 2035. **Concurrently, spending from younger generations has faltered as they confront economic headwinds and job precarity.** In contrast, older people often possess comfortable savings from the country's past decades of growth, affording them greater discretionary spending.

The commercial potential of this group is substantial. According to research firm Euromonitor International, consumer expenditure by households headed by people aged 60 and over is forecast to surge 129% from 2015 to 2025. This growth rate significantly outpaces the 79% rate for the overall population. In response, companies are beginning to cater to this older demographic with new products. A century-old jewelry firm has debuted AI glasses for assistance with reading, tech giant Xiaomi is integrating accessibility functions into **its** phones, and insurance conglomerate Ping An is expanding home-based senior care services. [III]

Despite the government's push and promising growth figures, significant constraints **temper** expectations. A vast pension disparity exists in China. While former civil servants like Wang receive generous provisions, the average urban retiree draws a much smaller monthly pension of 3,000 yuan. [IV] Pensions for those in rural areas can be as low as 200 yuan. This financial reality is compounded by a cultural tendency towards frugality, as many seniors who experienced leaner times maintain cautious spending habits. Economists argue that this spending is insufficient to counteract deflationary pressures, and thus, while China's silver economy represents a burgeoning and lucrative market, its capacity to act as a primary engine for national growth is fundamentally limited.

Question 31 [1098448]: According to paragraph 1, the spending habits of the 78-year-old retiree appear to stem from _____.

- A. her far-above-average monthly pension of 10,000 yuan
- B. a personal objective centered on self-care and quality of life
- C. a specific focus on imported milk and nutrition courses
- D. her preference for spending on high-end consumer brands

Question 32 [1098449]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. At the same time, younger generations are spending less as a result of an insecure job market and its impact on the wider economy.
- B. Simultaneously, consumption by young people has slowed down due to their facing both financial pressures and unstable employment.
- C. As spending from young people falters, they are concurrently forced to confront job instability and broader economic difficulties.
- D. Concurrently, job precarity for young people has created economic headwinds, in turn causing their consumer spending to slow down.

Question 33 [1098450]: What trend is illustrated by the actions of companies like Xiaomi and Ping An?

- A. The faltering of consumer spending from the younger generations in China.
- B. The cautious spending habits maintained by many seniors from leaner times.
- C. A corporate shift towards developing products aimed at the elderly market.
- D. A widespread corporate investment in general artificial intelligence research.

Question 34 [1098451]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. The significant spending potential of China's older demographic, backed by strong growth projections, is leading companies in various sectors to introduce new products and services tailored to their specific requirements.
- B. The substantial projected spending growth from older Chinese consumers is driving innovation within technological sectors, with companies creating new smart devices and digital services to capture this very lucrative market.
- C. Responding to considerable projected spending growth from older consumers, some companies are now shifting their focus away from younger demographics to create a new range of products like specialized senior care.
- D. A significant economic boom is now underway, driven by the immense spending power of older Chinese consumers, a trend confirmed by the rapid launch of new, elderly-focused products across many different consumer industries.

Question 35 [1098452]: The word **its** in paragraph 3 refers to_____.

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|---------------------|------------|
| A. accessibility | B. Xiaomi |
| C. a jewellery firm | D. reading |

Question 36 [1098453]: The word **temper** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. moderate | B. frustrate |
| C. challenge | D. raise |

Question 37 [1098454]: According to the passage, what is the financial situation for retirees living in rural areas?

- A. An average monthly pension of about three thousand yuan.
- B. A set of generous retirement provisions from the government.
- C. An often exceptionally minimal amount of retirement income.
- D. A cultural inclination for maintaining very frugal spending habits.

Question 38 [1098455]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The development of specialized products like AI reading glasses is a key factor in cultivating the new discretionary spending habits of older consumers.
- B. The commercial potential of China's "silver economy" is not evenly distributed but is likely concentrated within a more affluent segment of the retiree population.
- C. The differing economic situations have created social friction, with younger generations feeling resentful of the financial security enjoyed by many retirees.
- D. The strong cultural tendency towards frugality among many seniors is likely to counteract the government's efforts to stimulate their spending habits.

Question 39 [1098456]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

For her, personal fulfillment now takes precedence over traditional saving habits.

- A. [IV]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [I]

Question 40 [1098457]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The promotion of a "silver economy" is Beijing's key solution to recent economic problems, relying on the high spending power of retirees to successfully offset weaker consumption patterns seen among younger generations.
- B. As China's "silver economy" is promoted, companies are launching new senior products, though these offerings seem to be aimed at the elite minority of retirees with far more wealth than the general population of elderly citizens.
- C. Although China's "silver economy" demonstrates strong financial potential, its overall growth appears to be held back by the ingrained cultural frugality of older citizens, a restrictive mindset from a much more difficult past.
- D. Beijing is promoting its "silver economy" to leverage retiree spending, but while this demographic has high growth potential, its broad economic impact is constrained by huge pension gaps and a culture of deep-seated frugality.

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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 1 to 6.

📱 GALAXY Z7: BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR HANDS! ✨

Are you searching for a smartphone that can truly keep up with your lifestyle? The new Galaxy Z7 is designed for those who want to (1) _____ advantage of advanced technology in every moment. With its (2) _____, you can enjoy seamless multitasking and smooth performance for all your favorite apps. The Galaxy Z7 features a high-resolution dual-lens camera (3) _____ your memories in stunning detail even in low light. We've crafted its interface so that navigation is intuitive and each feature is explained (4) _____ you through easy-to-follow prompts. Its long-lasting battery is ready to power you through busy days, which is perfect for those who crave for (5) _____. Embrace innovation and let this smartphone (6) _____ what's possible.

Question 1 [1097896]: A. make B. get C. take D. keep

Question 2 [1097897]: A. fast processing speed B. speed processing fast
C. fast speed processing D. processing speed fast

Question 3 [1097898]: A. captured B. which capture
C. is capturing D. capturing

Question 4 [1097899]: A. for B. to C. in D. from

Question 5 [1097900]: A. flexible B. flexibly C. flexibility D. inflexible

Question 6 [1097901]: A. to redefine B. redefining C. redefine D. to redefining

Read the following leaflet 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 7 to 12.

🌟 The Advantages of Joining a Group Tour 🌟

Discover stress-free and enriching travel experiences

🚫 The Drawbacks of Solo Travel:

While solo travel has its appeal, it comes with obstacles, such as (7) _____ safe areas and sorting out accommodations. These initial challenges can cause (8) _____ confusion with budgeting and scheduling. Planning everything on your own is often much more stressful and time-consuming.

🌟 Tour Benefits:

- **Stress-Free Planning:** Forget about (9) _____ all the details yourself. Let our team take care of the logistics so you can focus on enjoying your trip.

- **Expert Guidance:** Gain unique (10) _____ about each destination from experienced local guides. (11) _____, you might miss out on valuable knowledge and tips that aren't found in guidebooks.

- **Variety of Choices:** Group tours offer a wide (12) _____ of options, ensuring something for every traveler.

Question 7 [1097902]: A. cutting out B. breaking down
 C. running out D. figuring out

Question 8 [1097903]: A. each B. a few C. a lot of D. a number of

Question 9 [1097904]: A. handling B. composing C. exploring D. settling

Question 10 [1097905]: A. visions B. insights C. theories D. majors

Question 11 [1097906]: A. Therefore B. Accordingly C. Consequently D. Otherwise

Question 12 [1097907]: A. amount B. level C. range D. rate

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 [1097908]:

- a. Karen: Hi Thomas! Oh my gosh, it's been ages! I've been well, thanks. How about you? And how's your family?
- b. Thomas: Hi Karen! It's so good to see you after so long! How have you been?
- c. Thomas: I'm doing great, thank you! Everyone's doing well—my parents are enjoying retirement, and my brother just moved back to town.

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

Question 14 [1097909]:

- a. Steven: Malala Yousafzai. Her courage in fighting for girls' education is incredible.
- b. Paul: Absolutely, she's a true role model. Do you think her story has influenced more young people to stand up for their beliefs?
- c. Steven: Have you heard Elon Musk's story? He faced so many challenges to make an impact.
- d. Paul: Yes, I admire his determination. Who else do you find inspiring?
- e. Steven: Definitely. I think her story empowers people to make a difference, no matter how tough the circumstances.

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

Question 15 [1097910]:

Hi Emily,

- a. Remember, asking questions is the best way to learn.
- b. I heard you've started a new internship, and I just wanted to get in touch to see how it's going
- c. Everyone understands you're still learning, so don't feel pressured to know everything.
- d. If you need any advice, feel free to contact me. I'm always here to help whenever you need it
- e. Starting something new can be overwhelming at first, but it's also a great opportunity for growth.

Good luck with everything!

Kind regards,

Alex

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

Question 16 [1097911]:

- a. He walked through the streets, recalling childhood memories and sensing the continuous development of his hometown.
- b. His hometown had changed a lot, with the green fields now replaced by modern high-rise buildings.
- c. Even with all the changes, Mark's love for his hometown remained unwavering.
- d. When Mark returned to his hometown after many years away, he felt both happy and nostalgic.
- e. Despite this, Mark still recognized the familiar people, who retained the kind and simple nature of the countryside.

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

Question 17 [1097912]:

- a. Another challenge is the need to adapt to independent living, which can create considerable stress as they must manage their time and finances on their own.
- b. Studying at a university far from home presents several disadvantages.
- c. However, despite these challenges, this experience helps students develop greater independence and personal growth.
- d. One significant issue is that students often feel lonely and disconnected in a new environment without their close friends.
- e. Furthermore, being away from family means lacking emotional and material support, especially during difficult times.

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

Read the following passage 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.

Taking selfies, a cultural phenomenon, (18) _____. A selfie is a self-portrait taken with a smartphone or camera. This trend has gained immense popularity, especially among younger generations, (19) _____. The ease of taking and sharing selfies has made them a staple in modern communication.

Selfies serve various purposes beyond just capturing images. (20) _____. Additionally, selfies can be a form of self-expression, as individuals often choose specific angles, filters, and settings to convey their mood or personality. This ability to curate one's image has led to the rise of social media influencers who rely on selfies to connect with their audiences and promote brands.

However, the selfie trend is not without its criticisms. Constantly judged by others on social media, (21) _____. Some argue that the obsession with selfies can lead to unrealistic beauty standards and a distorted self-image. (22) _____.

Question 18 [1097913]:

- A. which transforms the way people capture and share moments
- B. in which the way people capture and share moments has changed
- C. transforming the way people capture and share moments
- D. transforms the way people capture and share moments

Question 19 [1097914]:

- A. who use selfies to express their identity and showcase their experiences
- B. from whom the use of selfies for self-expression and showcasing experiences
- C. use selfies to express their identity and showcase their experiences
- D. express their identity and showcase their experiences through selfies

Question 20 [1097915]:

- A. Using them to create a visual diary, vacations and celebrations are significant life events for many people
- B. A visual diary of significant life events is a typical example of many people's vacations and celebrations
- C. Many people use them to create a visual diary of significant life events, such as vacations and celebrations
- D. Vacations and celebrations lead to the creation of a visual diary of many people's significant life events

Question 21 [1097916]:

- A. development of inadequacy and low self-esteem is a direct result
- B. feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem can be experienced
- C. inadequacy and low self-esteem may be developed by individuals
- D. individuals may develop feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem

Question 22 [1097917]:

- A. Focusing too much on the perfect selfie, genuine moments may be overlooked and detracted from real-life experiences
- B. Excessive focus on the perfect selfie may detract from real-life experiences, causing genuine moments to be overlooked
- C. Genuine moments are overlooked so that excessive focus on the perfect selfie can't be detracted from real-life experiences
- D. Upon focusing on the perfect selfie, real-life experiences may be detracted, causing genuine moments to be overlooked

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 23 to 30.

Environmental protection has become a critical issue as climate change and pollution pose serious threats to our planet. Cities around the world are recognizing the urgent need for immediate action to safeguard natural resources and ensure a sustainable future. One city making significant **strides** is San Francisco, which aims to become a zero-waste city by implementing various eco-friendly initiatives.

The city plans to achieve its goal by improving waste management practices and promoting recycling and composting. By providing residents with the necessary tools and education, San Francisco encourages its citizens to reduce **their** waste properly. This approach not only minimizes landfill contributions but also conserves valuable resources and energy, thereby benefiting the environment.

Additionally, the city is investing in renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power. By transitioning to clean energy, San Francisco aims to reduce its carbon footprint and decrease **reliance** on fossil fuels. Furthermore, the local government supports initiatives to increase public transportation options, making it easier for residents to choose eco-friendly travel alternatives. While some residents prefer driving their cars, others are eager to adopt sustainable transportation methods. This investment not only reduces traffic congestion but also lowers emissions.

Ultimately, these efforts reflect a commitment to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. **By prioritizing sustainable practices and engaging the community, cities like San Francisco are setting an example for others to follow.** Protecting our environment requires collective action and dedication, ensuring that natural habitats are preserved and that everyone can enjoy a better quality of life.

Question 23 [1097918]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a method used by San Francisco to reduce waste?

- A. encouraging recycling and composting
- B. offering residents important tools
- C. promoting the use of reusable containers
- D. enhancing waste management practices

Question 24 [1097919]: The word **strides** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. preventions B. compensations C. setbacks D. improvements

Question 25 [1097920]: The word **their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. practices B. residents C. tools D. resources

Question 26 [1097921]: The word **reliance** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. concentration B. belief C. dependence D. consumption

Question 27 [1097922]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Cities such as San Francisco are serving as a model for others to emulate by emphasizing sustainable practices and involving the community.
- B. Cities such as San Francisco are demonstrating strategies that others might consider adopting by focusing on sustainable practices.
- C. Cities like San Francisco are showcasing methods that others can learn from by implementing various environmental policies and seeking input from residents.
- D. Cities such as San Francisco are presenting practices that other urban areas may want to adopt by developing urban infrastructure.

Question 28 [1097923]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. San Francisco is the only city in the world taking measures to protect the environment.
- B. San Francisco's initiatives aim to reduce both waste and carbon emissions.
- C. Residents are discouraged from using public transportation in San Francisco.
- D. The focus on sustainable practices has decreased the quality of life for citizens.

Question 29 [1097924]: In which paragraph does the writer mention a **contrastive relationship**?

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

Question 30 [1097925]: In which paragraph does the writer mention an example of a city striving to eliminate waste entirely?

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

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 31 to 40.

In many households, the responsibility for maintaining the home often falls disproportionately on mothers. This unequal distribution of chores can lead to significant stress and burnout, as they **juggle** cooking, cleaning, and caring for children. The pressure of managing these tasks single-handedly can negatively impact their mental health and overall well-being, creating an urgent need for a more equitable division of household responsibilities. Without a fair sharing of duties, resentment can build up, straining family relationships and reducing overall harmony at home.

[I] Sharing household chores offers a viable solution to alleviate this burden. [II] When tasks such as laundry, dishwashing, and grocery shopping are divided among all family members, the workload lightens for everyone involved. [III] By encouraging all members to contribute, households can cultivate an environment where everyone feels responsible for maintaining their shared space. [IV] Such collaboration also teaches children the importance of contributing to the household, as it instills a sense of responsibility from a young age.

Additionally, engaging in chores together provides valuable opportunities for bonding. Activities like cooking dinner as a family or cleaning the house while listening to music can transform mundane tasks into enjoyable experiences. These moments not only strengthen relationships but also teach important life skills, such as cooperation and time management, particularly to younger members of the household. Shared experiences in completing chores can become **cherished** memories that enhance family cohesion.

Effective communication plays a crucial role in successfully sharing household chores. **Families should establish a clear system for dividing tasks that considers individual strengths and preferences.** Regular discussions can help ensure that everyone is on the same page and feels valued in their contributions. By fostering an open dialogue, households can create a fair and balanced approach to chores that benefits everyone involved, leading to a more harmonious home environment.

Question 31 [1097926]: Where in paragraph 2 does the following sentence best fit?

This collaborative approach not only reduces stress for mothers but also fosters a sense of teamwork within the family unit.

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1097927]: The word **juggle** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. neglect B. divide C. restrict D. manage

Question 33 [1097928]: The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to _____?

- A. collaboration B. importance
C. household D. responsibility

Question 34 [1097929]: According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT a consequence of the unequal distribution of household chores?

- A. increased stress levels for mothers
B. diminished harmony within the household
C. strained relationships within the family
D. financial burden on household members

Question 35 [1097930]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Engaging in household chores together creates enjoyable experiences that can enhance family relationships and teach children important skills.
- B. Cooking and cleaning as a family can help strengthen bonds and create cherished memories for all members.
- C. Shared chores provide opportunities for families to bond and teach valuable skills, especially to younger children, enhancing overall cohesion.
- D. Listening to music while cleaning can make chores enjoyable, but it does not significantly impact family dynamics or learning.

Question 36 [1097931]: The word **cherished** in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. comfortable B. selfless C. unpleasant D. harmonious

Question 37 [1097932]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Fathers are typically responsible for managing all household chores by themselves.
- B. Engaging in household tasks together can improve family cohesion and teach essential life skills.
- C. Sharing household responsibilities can lead to increased stress and conflict among family members.
- D. Children do not gain any valuable skills from participating in household chores.

Question 38 [1097933]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Families should create a specific system for distributing tasks that takes individual strengths and preferences into account.
- B. Families need to develop a flexible approach for sharing responsibilities that considers individual skills and preferences.
- C. Families should implement an informal method for allocating tasks based on general opinions rather than individual strengths.
- D. Families must prioritize a random system for assigning chores without considering personal strengths and preferences.

Question 39 [1097934]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Families that fail to communicate regularly are less likely to manage their household tasks efficiently and effectively.
- B. Frequent discussions help foster an environment where family members feel obligated to participate in household chores.
- C. Family members who feel undervalued in their contributions are more likely to become disengaged from household responsibilities.
- D. Regular discussions can help ensure that all family members are aligned and appreciate the significance of their contributions.

Question 40 [1097935]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A.** The division of household chores often falls unfairly on mothers, leading to stress and a need for equitable sharing among family members to improve well-being.
- B.** Families should implement a strict system for dividing chores, ensuring that all tasks are managed effectively by individual strengths and preferences.
- C.** Sharing responsibilities in household chores fosters teamwork, enhances family bonds, and provides opportunities for children to learn important life skills.
- D.** Effective communication and cooperation in managing household tasks are essential for creating a harmonious environment and reducing conflict within families.

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Read the 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 1 to 8.

Reports of acute foodborne illness originating from institutional catering facilities have become alarmingly frequent in recent months. Hundreds of individuals, often students or factory employees, simultaneously suffer **debilitating** gastrointestinal distress after consuming a single shared meal. The sheer scale of these incidents reveals a critical vulnerability within the modern industrial nutrition system. Preparation of sustenance for thousands requires complex logistical undertakings that routinely prioritize cost efficiency and speed over rigorous hygiene protocols or ingredient quality.

Tracing the provenance of raw materials in these large-scale enterprises proves notoriously difficult. Contractors operate on marginal profits and often **procure** ingredients from the lowest bidder without adequate scrutiny or quality assurance. A single contaminated batch of produce or meat can be distributed across multiple venues before authorities identify the pathogen. **The fragmentation of the supply chain means that legal culpability is often obfuscated among numerous intermediaries.** The economic model inherently incentivizes the purchase of substandard ingredients to maximize profit margins.

Regulatory enforcement mechanisms currently in place appear largely reactive rather than preventative. Oversight bodies lack the personnel to enforce stringent sanitary standards across the proliferation of semi-regulated kitchens supplying these contracts. Official inspections are regularly perfunctory or scheduled in advance, allowing proprietors to temporarily conceal sanitary deficiencies. The monetary penalties for non-compliance are typically negligible compared to the financial gains secured by circumventing safety regulations. Offending entities frequently view such fines as a minor operational expense. **They** explicitly calculate that the financial cost of halting operations to address safety concerns far exceeds the burden of any potential penalty.

Public confidence in the safety of institutional dining is rapidly deteriorating. Parents and workers now view provided meals with justifiable suspicion rather than gratitude. The recurrence of these preventable health crises indicates a systemic failure to favor human well-being over commercial expediency. Ensuring the integrity of the mass food supply requires a fundamental overhaul of how these catering contracts are awarded and monitored. Without strictly enforced accountability, the communal meal remains a latent public health hazard, causing significant anxiety.

(Adapted from MDPI)

Question 1 [1098519]: The word **debilitating** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. crippling B. strengthening C. painful D. contagious

Question 2 [1098520]: The word **procure** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. acquire B. produce C. inspect D. distribute

Question 3 [1098521]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The obscuring of legal liability among various middlemen is the specific factor driving the supply system to become so deeply disjointed today.
 B. Due to the splintered supply chain, legal blame is distributed among the many separate parties, preventing any single entity from facing censure.
 C. The broken distribution model means that responsibility is often passed on to the numerous handlers involved in the complex process of shipping.
 D. The fractured nature of the logistics network results in legal accountability often being clouded by the involvement of many third-party agents.

Question 4 [1098522]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a deficiency characterizing the current regulatory enforcement system?

- A. Insufficient personnel B. Perfunctory inspections
 C. Negligible monetary penalties D. Outdated safety legislation

Question 5 [1098523]: The word **They** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. Monetary penalties B. Offending entities
 C. Safety regulations D. Fines

Question 6 [1098524]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The dispersed nature of the supply chain helps to contain contaminated batches before they reach multiple consumption sites.
 B. Financial sanctions for regulatory non-compliance are generally regarded by operators as a sufficient deterrent against sanitary violations.
 C. A fundamental revision of the contract awarding system is needed to enhance the logistical efficiency of large-scale food preparation.
 D. Shared dining experiences will continue to represent a concealed threat to community health unless rigorous liability measures are strictly imposed.

Question 7 [1098525]: Which paragraph mentions the impossibility of determining where food components originate?

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

Question 8 [1098526]: Which paragraph mentions that financial punishment for unsafe practices is treated as a routine budget item?

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

Read the following passage 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 9 to 14.

Vietnam International Fashion Week: A Runway of Dreams

Considered the leading fashion event in the country, Vietnam International Fashion Week (VIFW) attracts a massive (9) _____ of media attention every season. It serves as a professional playground for established and emerging designers to launch their latest collections.

The core mission of VIFW is to honor the limitless (10) _____ of the local fashion industry while facilitating exchange with global brands. The outfits, (11) _____ on the grand stage with spectacular lighting, often combine traditional materials with modern silhouettes.

Top supermodels, (12) _____ walk the runway with confidence and grace, play a crucial role in bringing the designers' visions to life. Fashion critics frequently praise the craftsmanship of the garments as truly (13) _____, noting the intricate embroidery and attention to detail. Thanks to such events, Vietnamese fashion is starting to (14) _____ on the international map.

(Adapted from *fashion magazines*)

- Question 9** [1098527]: A. amount B. number C. digit D. sum
Question 10 [1098528]: A. create B. creative C. creativity D. creatively
Question 11 [1098529]: A. presented B. presenting
 C. are presented D. which presenting
Question 12 [1098530]: A. which B. who C. where D. whose
Question 13 [1098531]: A. explicit B. extrinsic C. exquisite D. expedient
Question 14 [1098532]: A. take off B. take over C. take up D. take away

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 15 to 19.

Question 15 [1098533]:

- The rude awakening came during a restructuring meeting when I realized I couldn't understand the digital tools my younger colleagues used daily.
- The initial months were a struggle of sleep deprivation and self-doubt, as I tried to retrain a brain that hadn't studied in years.
- Yet, crossing the graduation stage last month proved that the capacity to learn is not defined by age, but by attitude.
- For two decades, I coasted comfortably in my career, believing my university degree was enough to sustain me until retirement.
- Swallowing my pride, I signed up for evening classes, trading my leisure time for textbooks and complex coding tutorials.

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

Question 16 [1098534]:

- a. Alice: It's a grey area. While AI mimics style effectively, it lacks the lived experience and intent that drive human art.
- b. Bob: Exactly. A machine can analyze the mathematics of a sunset, but it has never felt the cold wind or the awe of seeing one.
- c. Bob: Do you consider AI-generated images to be a form of genuine creativity or just high-tech plagiarism?
- d. Alice: I hope so, provided we establish clear ethical guidelines on how these models are trained on artists' work.
- e. Alice: That emotional disconnect is why I believe AI will eventually become a tool for artists, not a replacement for them.

A. c - e - b - a - d

B. c - a - b - e - d

C. a - b - c - e - d

D. a - c - b - d - e

Question 17 [1098535]:

- a. Sarah: You haven't left your desk in four hours. You need to take a break before you burn out completely.
- b. Mike: I can't afford to stop now. The client expects this proposal on their desk by tomorrow morning.
- c. Sarah: The client would prefer a quality proposal from a rested mind over a sloppy one from an exhausted employee.

A. a - b - c

B. b - a - c

C. b - c - a

D. a - c - b

Question 18 [1098536]:

Dear Program Coordinator,

- a. With five years of experience in community outreach, I have successfully managed large teams for various local charity events.
- b. I am writing to express my interest in the Volunteer Team Leader position advertised on your organization's website.
- c. Furthermore, my background in conflict resolution would be an asset when dealing with diverse groups of people during the festival.
- d. I am available for an interview at your earliest convenience and can provide professional references upon request.
- e. Thank you for considering my application and for your dedication to our community.

Sincerely, Julia Roberts

A. b - d - a - c - e

B. b - a - c - d - e

C. a - c - d - b - e

D. a - b - d - c - e

Question 19 [1098537]:

- This technological intervention provides a lifeline, turning the very tools of globalization into shields for cultural preservation.
- However, a digital resurgence is fighting this trend, as tech-savvy activists use apps to document these dying dialects.
- As economic opportunities concentrate in major English-speaking hubs, younger generations are abandoning their ancestral tongues.
- By creating online dictionaries and learning games, they are making ancient vocabularies accessible and relevant to the youth.
- In an increasingly interconnected world, minority languages are vanishing at an alarming rate, threatening the loss of unique cultural wisdom.

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

Read the 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 20 to 29.

The atmosphere within the city's once-boisterous dining districts has undergone a perceptible alteration. Establishments previously renowned for their raucous late-night revelry now contend with a sudden and stark desolation. Rows of tables sit unoccupied during peak operating hours while waitstaff stand idle near silent kitchens. Proprietors watch **their** revenue streams plummet as the habitual patronage of after-work crowds evaporates almost overnight. **[I]** The exuberant clinking of glasses has ceased due to a rigorous and unyielding enforcement of traffic regulations.

Checkpoints manned by uniformed officers have become a ubiquitous feature of the urban thoroughfares. Authorities have implemented a stringent policy regarding alcohol consumption for vehicle operators that leaves no room for negotiation. The legal threshold is absolute and unforgiving. Even a negligible trace of alcohol in the system creates grounds for severe punitive measures, including vehicle impoundment. **[II]** Drivers face exorbitant financial penalties and the immediate revocation of their licenses. The sheer magnitude of the fines constitutes a formidable deterrent and effectively dismantles the long-standing culture of casual impunity on the roads.

Commuters have been compelled to radically reorganize their social logistics in response to this crackdown. The convenience of driving a personal vehicle to a social gathering is now widely viewed as an unacceptable risk. Reliance on ride-hailing applications has surged as a direct consequence of the new enforcement regime. Individuals who choose to imbibe must now factor the cost and availability of third-party transport into their evening plans. **[III]** Anxiety regarding residual alcohol levels the following morning has also altered consumption habits significantly. Groups of friends frequently designate a sober driver or collectively abstain to avoid the complex logistical complications of the return journey.

A deeply ingrained social custom is eroding under the relentless pressure of the law. The ritual of spontaneous, prolonged drinking sessions is being curtailed by the overwhelming necessity of compliance. Hospitality sectors dependent on the sale of alcoholic beverages face a grim and uncertain future, while road safety statistics show a correlative improvement. **[IV] The populace is learning to navigate a new reality where the freedom to consume is strictly demarcated from the privilege of operating a vehicle.** Compliance is no longer a matter of choice but a pragmatic survival strategy in an environment of absolute vigilance.

(Adapted from *vietnamnews.vn*)

Question 20 [1098538]: The word **their** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. rows of tables
- B. waitstaff
- C. proprietors
- D. silent kitchens

Question 21 [1098539]: According to paragraph 1, the abrupt cessation of commercial vibrancy within the city's culinary hubs is ascribed to _____.

- A. the rapid disappearance of regular clientele during prime operating times
- B. the operational idleness observed among waitstaff and kitchen personnel
- C. a severe economic downturn affecting the disposable income of patrons
- D. the stringent application of rules governing the operation of vehicles

Question 22 [1098540]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Police checkpoints are now widespread to enforce a zero-tolerance alcohol policy with severe penalties like heavy fines and vehicle seizure, measures that effectively dismantle the historical culture of unpunished driving violations.
- B. The strict roadside checks reveal a government strategy to prioritize public safety over personal freedom, using exorbitant fines and vehicle impoundment to force a sudden end to the long-standing culture of casual impunity.
- C. Authorities have deployed checkpoints to enforce a strict alcohol ban, leveraging exorbitant fines and license revocations as a primary means to generate municipal revenue while simultaneously eradicating the culture of driving impunity.
- D. The absolute zero-tolerance policy is enforced through ubiquitous checkpoints, where officers rely on advanced breathalyzer technology to detect even negligible traces of alcohol, ensuring that no driver can negotiate their way out of penalties.

Question 23 [1098541]: What standard regarding alcohol consumption do the authorities now enforce?

- A. The immediate revocation of licenses and heavy financial penalties.
- B. An unyielding zero-tolerance rule regarding any blood alcohol content.
- C. The establishment of checkpoints on various major urban thoroughfares.
- D. A comprehensive dismantling of the culture of casual impunity.

Question 24 [1098542]: What behavioral adjustments have commuters made due to the policy?

- A. A perception of personal driving as a highly dangerous risk.
- B. An anxiety regarding residual alcohol levels the following morning.
- C. A sharp increase in the usage of app-based transport services.
- D. The careful planning required for organizing complex return journeys.

Question 25 [1098543]: The word **abstain** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

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|------------|-------------|
| A. refrain | B. indulge |
| C. agree | D. complain |

Question 26 [1098544]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Citizens are getting used to a modern situation where the option to drink is carefully balanced against the duty of managing private transport.
- B. In this changed environment, society accepts that the authorization to control a machine is distinct from the right to purchase specific consumer goods.
- C. The public is adjusting to a novel state of affairs wherein the liberty to partake is sharply separated from the right to drive cars.
- D. Facing a new scenario, the population sees that the right to drive has effectively eliminated the freedom to partake in personal consumption habits.

Question 27 [1098545]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The strict enforcement regime has converted the act of social drinking from a casual convenience into a complex logistical expense.
- B. The desolation in dining districts suggests that the public has fundamentally lost its taste for the communal consumption of alcohol.
- C. The severity of the financial penalties implies that revenue generation was a contributing motive for the implementation of the new policy.
- D. The improvement in road safety statistics serves as proof that previous accident rates were caused by the leniency of traffic patrols.

Question 28 [1098546]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Strategic caution, however, transcends the immediate timeframe of the gathering.

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| A. [I] | B. [II] | C. [IV] | D. [III] |
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Question 29 [1098547]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The rigorous enforcement of zero-tolerance alcohol regulations has emptied dining districts and compelled drivers to restructure their social logistics, creating a situation where hospitality revenue declines while road safety standards noticeably improve.
- B. The desolation of dining districts exemplifies the high cost of a draconian traffic policy, where the government's strict prioritization of road safety over economic vitality has triggered an irreversible collapse of the city's vibrant nightlife culture.
- C. Commuters are abandoning personal vehicles for ride-hailing apps due to strict alcohol enforcement, a behavioral shift that effectively transfers revenue streams from traditional hospitality establishments directly to the transportation technology sector.
- D. A deeply ingrained drinking culture is fading under strict legal pressure, a necessary cultural evolution that encourages citizens to adopt much healthier lifestyle choices by actively separating alcohol consumption from their general daily social interactions.

Read the following leaflet 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 30 to 35.

How to Build Resilience in Tough Times?

Resilience is not about avoiding stress or denying that life is difficult. It is the ability to bounce back from setbacks. Many people believe that resilience is an innate trait; (30) _____, psychologists argue that it is a skill that can be learned. It is crucial to remember that no one is exempt (31) _____ life's hardships; the difference lies in how we respond. Here are ways to strengthen your mental muscle:

- Cultivate a positive view of yourself. Having confidence in your abilities is (32) _____ vital component of resilience.
- Build (33) _____. Having people you can trust and rely on provides a protective buffer against life's stressors.
- Keep things in perspective. Do not be (34) _____ about small details that you cannot control; focus on the bigger picture.
- Finally, accept that change is a part of life. Instead of fighting the inevitable, learn to roll with the (35) _____ and adapt to new circumstances.

(Adapted from *LinkedIn*)

Question 30 [1098548]: A. Therefore B. Additionally C. In contrast D. For instance

Question 31 [1098549]: A. with B. from C. of D. to

Question 32 [1098550]: A. another B. other C. others D. the others

Question 33 [1098551]: A. strong social connections B. social strong connections
C. connections strong social D. strong connections social

Question 34 [1098552]: A. expressive B. permissive C. submissive D. obsessive

Question 35 [1098553]: A. punches B. ball C. dice D. kicks

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

Once marginalized as an underground subculture, the rhythmic poetry of Rap has surged into the mainstream spotlight, fueled by high-octane televised competitions that pit lyricists against one another. These broadcasts have demystified the genre for the general public, showcasing contestants who act not merely as performers but as skilled storytellers, (36) _____, constructing elaborate narratives that reflect societal angst and personal triumph. Unlike pop idols manufactured by studios, these artists command respect through the raw authenticity of their wordplay, turning linguistic dexterity into a high-value currency.

The creative demands of this arena are brutal, requiring a mastery of cadence, metaphor, and improvisation under extreme time constraints. Contestants, confronted with beat instrumentals that are often experimental and harmonically dissonant compared to the melodic structures they practiced in rehearsal, (37) _____, finding that technical skill alone cannot compensate for a lack of adaptability. This trial by fire separates mere rhymesters from true artists. (38) _____. It is this ability to evolve instantly on stage that garners critical acclaim.

While purists argue that the televised format dilutes the rebellious spirit of the culture, the economic impact is undeniable. (39) _____. Brands that once shunned the genre now clamor for association, recognizing its sway over the youth demographic. Ultimately, the power of this movement lies in its voice; rarely in entertainment history has a genre so effectively bridged the gap between street credibility and commercial viability, and consequently, (40) _____, cementing its status as the defining sound of the contemporary era.

(Adapted from *Theses*)

Question 36 [1098554]:

- A. the employment of complex rhyme schemes vastly dismantles the majority of opponents
- B. a large number of them scheme to employ dismantling rhymes against opposing majorities
- C. who complicate the employment of rhyme schemes for the dismantling of opposition
- D. the vast majority of whom employ complex rhyme schemes to dismantle their opponents

Question 37 [1098555]:

- A. synchronizing unpredictable lyrics frequently struggles with the flow of the tempo
- B. frequently struggle to synchronize their lyrical flow with the unpredictable tempo
- C. flows with unpredictable lyrics to frequently struggle against the synchronized tempo
- D. the unpredictability of lyrical tempos frequently synchronizes their struggle to flow

Question 38 [1098556]:

- A. A prime example of this linguistic versatility is the seamless integration of regional dialects into modern verses
- B. Seamlessly integrating regional dialects into modern verses exemplifies the prime linguistic versatility of this integration
- C. The prime versatility of modern verses is exemplified by the seamless linguistic integration of regional dialects
- D. This linguistically versatile example seamlessly integrates regional dialects into the modernity of these prime verses

Question 39 [1098557]:

- A. The high magnitude of this marketing asset has financially shifted the genre from a corporate liability into a coveted transformation
- B. The genre is financially liable for shifting this corporate asset into a highly coveted marketing transformation of such a magnitude.
- C. Transforming the genre into a coveted marketing asset finances the corporate liability of this shift with such a high magnitude.
- D. Such is the magnitude of this financial shift that the genre has transformed from a corporate liability into a highly coveted marketing asset

Question 40 [1098558]:

- A. This art form generates a reshaped vernacular, a realization criticized by the little group
- B. Little realization exists among critics that the vernacular reshapes this art form for a generation
- C. Little do critics realize that this art form reshapes the vernacular of an entire generation
- D. The reshaping of an entire generation's vernacular is a critical realization for this art form

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The fossil fuel divestment movement is a global campaign that seeks to stigmatize the industry; it employs tactics such as the direct petitioning of university boards, the launching of public awareness campaigns that highlight the financial risks of "stranded assets", as well as (1) _____, a multi-pronged approach designed to weaken the industry's political influence.

Opponents, who often include the financial managers of these large endowments, argue that divestment is a purely symbolic gesture, one that ultimately harms the institution's own portfolio, (2) _____. This argument frames the decision as a breach of fiduciary duty.

Such a narrow financial argument, however, fundamentally misunderstands the movement's core strategy. The primary objective is not to bankrupt these companies directly but to revoke their social license. (3) _____. This makes it significantly harder for them to attract top talent and to influence policy.

This recontextualizes the climate crisis not as a distant environmental problem, but as an immediate moral failing of the current system. (4) _____. The campaign's lasting impact, which is still unfolding, is therefore a measure of its success in shifting the Overton window of what is considered politically possible, which is its most visible tactic, and, equally, of (5) _____ for subsequent environmental and social justice campaigns.

(Adapted from *ResearchGate*)

Question 1 [1098565]:

- A. the strategic use of litigation aimed at challenging corporate permits
- B. the challenge of litigation strategically aimed at permitting corporate use
- C. a corporate strategy using litigation to challenge the aim of permits
- D. the strategic challenge of litigation aims at corporate permissive use

Question 2 [1098566]:

- A. while fewer investors are ethically concerned about the other shares they simply sell or purchase
- B. if the investors selling shares are simply less ethically concerned than the other investors purchasing them
- C. and other investors are simply concerned with the ethics of the purchase, less so the shares they sell
- D. since the shares they sell are simply purchased by other investors with fewer ethical concerns

Question 3 [1098567]:

- A. The goal of reputable banks, universities, and governments is rendering the industry an undesirable "pariah" partnership
- B. The industry is rendered a "pariah" to make reputation an undesirable goal for partnerships with banks, universities, and governments
- C. The goal is to render the industry a "pariah," an undesirable partner for reputable banks, universities, and governments
- D. The reputation of banks, universities, and governments becomes an undesirable goal for partnering with the "pariah" industry.

Question 4 [1098568]:

- A. It effectively shifts the moral burden from the individual consumer to the corporate entities that profit from the crisis
- B. The individual consumer effectively shifts the moral burden of the crisis to the corporate entities that profit from it
- C. The profit from the crisis effectively shifts the moral burden from corporate entities to the individual consumer
- D. The effectiveness of the shift in moral burden is consumed by profiting corporate entities from the individual's crisis

Question 5 [1098569]:

- A. its profound effectiveness in establishing a new moral baseline
- B. its profoundly effective moral baseline being a new establishment
- C. what effectively and profoundly establishes a new moral baseline
- D. that the establishment of a new moral baseline is profoundly effective

Read the 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.

Our friendship was forged in a small, windowless office where we worked as a two-person team. In that cramped space, we were allies, a united front against our megalomaniac boss. We bonded over lukewarm coffee and a shared desire to be anywhere else. Our conversations, once confined to work, soon began to encompass our personal lives. We became privy to each other's emotional hardships, aspirations, family conflicts, and financial anxieties.

She was the first person I called when I secured a new job; I was the first she called when she got engaged. For years, our victories felt shared, often treated as team accomplishments, celebrated with impromptu dinners. **Our bond was a welcome respite from the sharp-edged professional world and the sometimes-lonely realities of city life.** There was no envy, only a genuine, reciprocal joy in seeing the other person advance. Our friendship was a sanctuary, a rare space of unconditional support in a world that felt increasingly hard.

But as we moved through our late 20s and into our 30s, a subtle shift occurred. The promotions, engagements and pregnancies that once **prompted** joint celebration began to feel like points on a scoreboard. Our easy camaraderie was replaced by a quiet, unspoken competition. Phone calls became less frequent. When we did talk, our conversations were filled with careful omissions. We curated the versions of our lives we presented to each other, highlighting the successes and concealing the struggles.

The intimacy we once had was built on vulnerability, on the shared conviction that we were in it together. But “it” — life — was no longer a shared foxhole. **It** had become a ladder, and we were acutely aware of our positions on it. The tragedy is that I don't believe either of us wanted this. The competition was not a conscious choice but an involuntary symptom of the ambient pressures around us, a reflection of the societal expectation to always be moving forward. We had simply forgotten how to be vulnerable with each other, and in doing so, **forfeited** the essential quality that made our friendship worthwhile.

(Adapted from *The New York Times*)

Question 6 [1098570]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a personal subject the two friends shared during the early stages of their relationship?

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| A. Aspirations | B. Family reunions |
| C. Emotional hardships | D. Financial anxieties |

Question 7 [1098571]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Our friendship was a welcome relief from the loneliness of city life, which was often caused by the harsh, competitive professional world.
- B. Our bond was a welcome support system that helped us navigate the sometimes-lonely realities of city life and the sharp professional world.
- C. Our connection offered a valued escape from the harshness of the professional world and the occasional loneliness inherent in urban living.
- D. Our connection was a direct result of needing a respite from the sharp professional world and the sometimes-lonely reality of city life.

Question 8 [1098572]: The word **prompted** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

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| A. triggered | B. accompanied | C. represented | D. justified |
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Question 9 [1098573]: The word **It** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

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| A. A shared foxhole | B. Vulnerability |
| C. Shared conviction | D. Life |

Question 10 [1098574]: The word **forfeited** in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

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| A. retained | B. damaged | C. regretted | D. evaluated |
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Question 11 [1098575]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The unspoken competition that later emerged between the friends was a lingering result of the stressful work environment under their former boss.
- B. The friends began to carefully omit personal details from their conversations because they had forgotten how to be vulnerable with each other.
- C. The early bond between the two friends was solidified through a process of mutual therapeutic disclosure about their personal lives and anxieties.
- D. The friendship's decline was marked by a quiet rivalry replacing their easy camaraderie, leading to less frequent contact and guarded conversations.

Question 12 [1098576]: Which paragraph mentions a time when personal achievements were celebrated without jealousy?

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

Question 13 [1098577]: Which paragraph attributes the friends' rivalry to external societal forces?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

WHY HAS CULTURE COME TO A STANDSTILL?

For over a century, a core belief of our culture was its promise to the future. Beginning with Édouard Manet, whose work was a striking expression of its own time, the demand for any serious artist was to create something new. To be modern was to reject imitation in favor of an utterance that could only exist now. This relentless pursuit of novelty became the engine of cultural history, a succession of avant-gardes each rendering the last obsolete.

Yet to look at culture in 2023 is to feel this engine has stalled. One gets the **nagging** feeling that we are living through a period of unmatched stillness, stuck on a painfully slow Ferris wheel of remakes, sequels, and imitations. The unique sounds and styles of past decades have blended into a shapeless present, where skinny jeans from the 2000s and high-waisted jeans from the 1990s can coexist without either looking particularly dated or current. **[I]** The feeling that our era's culture seems likely to be forgotten is difficult to shake.

The principal reason for this confusion about time is our deep dive through the screen into endless information. The digital tools we use have created such deep confusion about time that the very idea of progress has lost its meaning. In this dark wood of algorithmic feeds, past and present are made to seem equally close, removed from their original context and flattened into a single, continuous feed. **[II]**

Perhaps one work predicted this situation: Amy Winehouse's "Back to Black." Arriving on the verge of the iPhone era, it was the first major cultural product that was neither new nor old-fashioned, but instead existed in a timeless state. [III] Drawing from the entire catalogue of 20th-century music, it wasn't nostalgic, instead showing a new awareness shaped by the digital world, where all of history could be sampled at once.

Working within the old modernist framework, it feels as if the possibilities for innovation have been exhausted. We now seek newness not in form, but in "content." **The long-overdue inclusion of diverse voices into the culture industry has, unfortunately, been confused with artistic innovation itself.** A work is praised as a "breakthrough" for the identity it represents, even if its storytelling and style remain deeply traditional. [IV] There is no built-in reason, however, that a decline in newness must mean a decline in value. To escape our situation, we must first abandon the outdated influence of modernism and its obsession with progress. The task is to find and value the art that speaks for our confused present, even—and especially—if its style is tied to the past.

Question 14 [1098578]: According to paragraph 1, the modernist principle of rejecting imitation in favor of originality might fuel _____.

- A. the demand for a serious artist to create a striking expression of the time
- B. a consecutive process of creative innovation and displacement
- C. a succession of avant-gardes fulfilling culture's promise to the future
- D. the engine of cultural history, beginning with the work of Édouard Manet

Question 15 [1098579]: The word **nagging** in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. pessimistic
- B. pervasive
- C. overwhelming
- D. insistent

Question 16 [1098580]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. The current cultural landscape is defined by its low-quality imitations of past works, which fail to capture the unique and more authentic styles of previous decades.
- B. A feeling of cultural stillness has emerged because digital technology now allows consumers to easily access and combine various styles from multiple eras at once.
- C. The most prominent sign of cultural stagnation is in the world of fashion, where styles from the 1990s and 2000s now coexist without a clear sense of what is truly current.
- D. Contemporary culture is marked by a sense of stagnation, where recycled creative works and a fusion of recent fashion styles suggest a lack of a distinct or memorable identity.

Question 17 [1098581]: The word **its** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the idea of progress
- B. confusion
- C. time
- D. digital tool

Question 18 [1098582]: Which factor has most intensified the cultural blending of different eras?

- A. The repetition of familiar themes in entertainment
- B. The integration of historical styles into modern works
- C. The flattening of timelines by algorithmic platforms
- D. The decline of originality in artistic storytelling

Question 19 [1098583]: According to the passage, which quality placed Back to Black in a “timeless state”?

- A. A fusion of influences beyond a single era
- B. A revival of early twentieth-century genres
- C. An avoidance of contemporary digital culture
- D. An emphasis on radical modernist techniques

Question 20 [1098584]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Regrettably, people have mistaken the much-needed inclusion of varied perspectives in the arts for genuine creative originality and progress.
- B. A regrettable conflict has arisen, equating the overdue welcoming of novel voices in culture with actual artistic achievements and creative forms.
- C. The much-delayed incorporation of different viewpoints into the cultural sector has been unjustly treated as if it were authentic creative progress.
- D. Unfortunately, a key error is being made: equating the overdue inclusion of numerous voices with the presence of impressive artistic innovation itself.

Question 21 [1098585]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The modernist view of cultural progress held that each new artistic movement effectively nullified the aesthetic relevance of its predecessor.
- B. The digital era's access to historical material might enable a creative method of using past styles that is not genuinely motivated by nostalgia.
- C. The cultural focus on platforming diverse identities has become a significant practical impediment to formal and stylistic artistic innovation.
- D. The concurrent popularity of fashion from various past decades stems from a deficient understanding of history among younger generations.

Question 22 [1098586]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

The music world offers a particularly salient example of an artist operating within this new temporal landscape.

- A. [I]
- B. [III]
- C. [IV]
- D. [II]

Question 23 [1098587]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The historical drive for artistic novelty has stalled in the digital age, creating a culture of imitation and a subsequent need to redefine creative value beyond an obsession with progress.
- B. The modernist obsession with novelty has faded in a digital era of temporal confusion, suggesting the new cultural task is to focus on producing high-quality, nostalgic content for audiences.
- C. In an age of imitation created by digital media's flattening of history, an artwork's merit is no longer based on its novelty but rather on the technical skill used in reinterpreting past forms.
- D. The modernist drive for progress has stalled due to digital culture's endless feed, resulting in a contemporary era where distinctions between high art and popular entertainment have eroded.

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

Question 24 [1098588]:

- a. Kiera: That's so cool! Your passion shows in your photos.
- b. Laura: I've always been fascinated by capturing moments through a lens.
- c. Kiera: Why did you decide to join the photography club?

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

Question 25 [1098589]:

- a. David: Did you discover any hidden gems while traveling? I'm keen on exploring beyond the typical tourist spots.
- b. Rowena: Yes, I stumbled upon a quaint village near Florence with breathtaking scenery and unparalleled cuisine.
- c. David: That's incredible! I've been considering a trip to Europe. Do you have any suggestions on must-visit places?
- d. Rowena: Absolutely! I recently returned from Italy, and the art museums there are mesmerizing.
- e. David: That sounds divine! I'll add it to my itinerary. I adore uncovering unique experiences while traveling.

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

Question 26 [1098590]:

Dear Hoa,

- a. I hope you will have an amazing day today!
- b. So, I decided to let you choose!
- c. I can't believe it's been another year already!
- d. Click on the link below to pick your favorite option.
- e. I wanted to get you something special, but I couldn't decide between a weekend getaway or a surprise dinner at your favorite restaurant.

Talk soon,

Tuan

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

Question 27 [1098591]:

- a. Companies, influencers, and individuals alike are flocking to the platform, recognizing its immense power for marketing, communication, and community-building.
- b. The growth of Facebook has been truly remarkable.
- c. From its early days as a social network connecting college students, Facebook has grown into a global platform with over 2.8 billion active users.
- d. Whether you admire its ability to bring people together or criticize its impact on privacy, it's impossible to ignore the profound effect Facebook has had on the world.
- e. Its algorithm, continuously evolving to deliver personalized content, has transformed how we interact with information online.

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| A. b-a-c-d-e | B. e-b-a-c-d | C. c-a-b-d-e | D. b-c-e-a-d |
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Question 28 [1098592]:

- a. It transcends judgment, allowing us to connect with others' pain and offer genuine support.
- b. Ultimately, compassion creates a ripple effect, inspiring kindness in others and cultivating a more empathetic and harmonious world.
- c. Compassion empowers us to embrace vulnerability, recognizing that we are all interconnected in our struggles and triumphs.
- d. Compassion is not merely an emotion but a deliberate act of understanding and kindness.
- e. By practicing it, we not only heal others but also foster a sense of unity and shared humanity.

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

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

The World Athletics Championships Tokyo (WCH Tokyo), scheduled from 13 to 21 September, will be the most (29) _____ sports event hosted in Tokyo next year, attracting over 2,000 athletes from 200 countries. WCH Tokyo is planning to recruit (30) _____ to support the delivery of the Championships in areas such as administrative support, media assistance, and guidance and information services. Volunteer recruitment is open (31) _____ 1 November until 16 December.

Volunteers, largely (32) _____ between the end of August - 23 September, must be available to undertake a minimum of 7 days (shifts) during this period and attend a training day.

Join the WCH Tokyo volunteer team! Enjoy (33) _____ the world's top track and field athletes, (34) _____ new friends, and creating unforgettable memories!

For more information and to apply, visit volunteer recruitment.

(Adapted from <https://worldathletics.org>)

Question 29 [1098593]: A. excite B. excited C. exciting D. excitement

Question 30 [1098594]: A. volunteer teams dedicated

B. dedicated volunteer teams

C. volunteer dedicated teams

D. dedicated teams volunteer

Question 31 [1098595]: A. from B. on C. in D. between

Question 32 [1098596]: A. requiring B. required C. to require D. who required

Question 33 [1098597]: A. meeting B. meet C. to meet D. met

Question 34 [1098598]: A. setting B. doing C. making D. getting

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 35 to 40.

Marketing Specialist

Are you passionate about exploring a (35) _____ of unique ideas and achieving outstanding results? Join our dynamic team as a Marketing Specialist, where you'll take your career to (36) _____ level!

Key Responsibilities:

Work on improving brand visibility and engagement with our audience.

(37) _____ innovative marketing campaigns across digital platforms.

What We Offer:

We welcome candidates (38) _____ age, gender, or background. All we care about is your passion for marketing and your ability to think creatively.

Requirements:

Strong interpersonal (39) _____ to deal with clients and team members.

Ability to come up with fresh ideas and strategies.

Experience in digital (40) _____ or related fields is preferred but not mandatory.

Question 35 [1098599]: **A.** amount **B.** group **C.** variety **D.** pack

Question 36 [1098600]: **A.** other **B.** the other **C.** another **D.** others

Question 37 [1098601]: **A.** Watch out **B.** Give up **C.** Take in **D.** Carry out

Question 38 [1098602]: **A.** on account of **B.** regardless of
C. instead of **D.** in view of

Question 39 [1098603]: **A.** skills **B.** experience **C.** qualification **D.** talents

Question 40 [1098604]: **A.** promoting **B.** marketing **C.** branding **D.** advertising

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Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 6.

Extinction and habitat loss

Extinction is a natural process. Take the (1) _____ of the dodo. It simply wasn't strong enough to survive. Ask people to name a species that has become extinct, and it's always the dodo. However, the dodo went extinct over four centuries ago.

We are told that loss of habitat means that animals find it hard to survive. Animals and plants (2) _____ new surroundings: foxes learn to live in cities, camels and cactus plants survive in the desert, and polar bears live in the Arctic. Of course, there are always programmes on TV (3) _____ us how the ice is melting and the polar bears are finding it hard to survive, and warn of the dangers of oil and gas exploration destroying their habitat. But there is no reason why you can't use the Arctic for oil and gas and still leave (4) _____ of space for bears. The people who want to stop this are just anti-big business. They just want to stop those of us (5) _____ work hard to provide oil and gas for the people of this world. The Arctic is a big place. There's enough room for human beings and animals. People also claim that we are (6) _____ for climate change. They seem to forget that climate change has been happening for millions of years.

- Question 1** [1098614]: A. exemplary B. exemplify C. exemplarily D. example
Question 2 [1098615]: A. substitute for B. enroll in C. adapt to D. suffer from
Question 3 [1098616]: A. be showing B. showing C. showed D. to show
Question 4 [1098617]: A. plenty B. bit C. amount D. deal
Question 5 [1098618]: A. where B. whose C. who D. why
Question 6 [1098619]: A. accountability B. account
 C. accountably D. accountable

Read the following article and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

Do all humans and animals see color in the same way?

Research shows that color really does affect our minds and bodies. The color blue helps us to feel calm. Red, on the other (7) _____, can make us feel angry. Football teams seem to play better when wearing red. They are more likely to win matches than those wearing (8) _____ colors.

After analysing recent sales of works of art, a leading expert concluded that pictures with red in them fetch higher prices than those without.

Color is how our eyes (9) _____ light. It is the way our brain perceives mixtures of different light wavelengths falling on the retina of the eyes. Human vision is trichromatic – we have three (10) _____ (cones) in our eyes. These receptors are red, green, and blue, and each is designed to pick (11) _____ different wavelengths of light. People who are color-blind detect fewer colours as one type of receptor is not working properly.

Birds are tetrachromatic – they have four color receptors and see things that we see as red as many different shades of color. This is very useful for them (12) _____ searching for food.

Question 7 [1098620]: A. neck B. hand C. art D. cause

Question 8 [1098621]: A. other B. another C. a little D. much

Question 9 [1098622]: A. offend B. uplift C. interpret D. attribute

Question 10 [1098623]: A. color different receptors B. different color receptors
C. different receptors color D. receptors different color

Question 11 [1098624]: A. on B. up C. off D. at

Question 12 [1098625]: A. lest B. if C. while D. yet

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

Question 13 [1098626]:

- a. Michael: Hey, do you think there's a big benefit to being ambitious these days?
- b. Michael: Totally agree! It feels like ambition doesn't just help us grow personally but also moves society forward.
- c. Ella: Good question! I'd say ambition brings a lot of happiness because it pushes people to tackle challenges and pursue their dreams. That's what makes life feel really fulfilling.

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

Question 14 [1098627]:

- a. David: I know, but I don't want to seem pushy.
- b. Lucy: Why don't you call your friend and talk things over?
- c. Lucy: If you miss them, a phone call is worth a try. They might feel the same.
- d. Lucy: However, sometimes reaching out first can make a big difference.
- e. David: I'm not sure. We haven't spoken in months.

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

Question 15 [1098628]:

Hi Kate,

- a. While it's natural to feel a mix of emotions right now, I want you to remember the incredible skills and talents that make you unique.
- b. I truly understand that losing your job can be incredibly disheartening, but please know that you are not alone in this journey.
- c. We'll navigate through this tough time, and I have no doubt that brighter days filled with new possibilities lie ahead. Cheer up, girl!
- d. Remember, this is just a chapter in your story, and your journey is far from over.
- e. Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, and sometimes, setbacks pave the way for greater opportunities.

Write back soon,

Julia

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

Question 16 [1098629]:

- a. However, this change has also raised concerns about privacy and security.
- b. To summarize, striking a balance between convenience and safety will define the future of digital communication.
- c. As we embrace these innovations, it is essential to remain vigilant about the potential risks involved.
- d. The rapid advancement of technology has transformed the way we communicate and share information.
- e. Many people now rely on social media platforms to stay connected with relatives and friends.

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

Question 17 [1098630]:

- a. Lay-offs can also result in a loss of valuable skills and experience, negatively affecting the company's long-term performance and competitiveness in the market.
- b. Therefore, it's crucial for companies to approach lay-offs with sensitivity and transparency, providing support and resources to affected employees while also ensuring clear communication about the reasons behind this decision.
- c. Lay-offs in big companies can have significant repercussions for both employees and the organization itself. The impact on employee morale and job security is a crucial consideration.
- d. Ultimately, addressing the lay-off issue in big companies requires a careful balance between organizational needs and employee well-being.
- e. When layoffs occur, they create a sense of uncertainty and fear among remaining employees, leading to decreased morale and productivity.

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

Read the following passage 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.

The widespread introduction of cultured meat, grown from animal cells in a lab, stands to disrupt millennia of agricultural tradition. This new food system entails the redirection of agricultural subsidies away from livestock, the creation of entirely new regulatory bodies, a task that in itself requires complex international cooperation, or (18) _____, a constellation of adjustments for a new food economy.

The potential environmental benefits—drastic reductions in land use, water consumption, and methane emissions—are well-documented. Such optimism, however, is not universally shared, and many remain deeply hesitant, (19) _____.

The key social challenge, however, is the displacement of traditional farming communities. (20) _____. An entire way of life, tied to animal husbandry and the land, would be rendered obsolete almost overnight, creating an economic vacuum for millions. (21) _____. Ethical arguments, which once focused on animal welfare, would need to be completely reframed around the implications of this new production method.

The public's eventual acceptance of cultured meat will be determined by its affordability and taste, which are the most obvious commercial hurdles, in addition to (22) _____ that addresses deep-seated human anxieties about food "naturalness".

(Adapted from *Frontiers*)

Question 18 [1098631]:

- A. global land-use policies massively reassessing the scale of land
- B. the reassessment of global land-use policies on a massive scale
- C. in massively scaling the reassessment of global land-use policy
- D. that the massive scale of global policies reassesses the land use

Question 19 [1098632]:

- A. whereas the public is fundamentally alarmed by the perception of the "unnatural" product
- B. insofar as the public perceives the product as "unnatural" and fundamentally alarming
- C. provided that the public's perception of the "unnatural" product is a fundamental alarm
- D. in case the product's "unnaturalness" is perceived by the public as fundamentally alarming

Question 20 [1098633]:

- A. The establishment of these irrelevant roles would constitute a sudden, widespread, and significant societal shockwave
- B. A significant societal shockwave would signify the sudden, widespread irrelevance of these established roles
- C. The constitution of a significant societal shockwave is the sudden, widespread irrelevance of these established roles
- D. A sudden and widespread irrelevance for these established roles would constitute a significant societal shockwave

Question 21 [1098634]:

- A. Consumers must also confront the deep-seated cultural idea of what "real" food actually is
- B. The confrontation with the actuality of "real" food is a deep-seated cultural idea for consumers
- C. The culture of "real" food must also confront the deep-seated idea consumers actually hold
- D. Also, consuming "real" food is, culturally, a deep-seated confrontation with the actual idea

Question 22 [1098635]:

- A. a public narrative that compels the creation of transparency
- B. the most compelling and transparent narrative the public creates
- C. the creation of a compelling and transparent public narrative
- D. which the narrative creates compelling public transparency

Read the 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 23 to 30.

A new social arena is solidifying in Vietnam's affluent urban districts. Glass-walled fitness centers, charging exorbitant membership fees, are now conspicuous hubs for a specific, upwardly mobile demographic. Inside, sought-after personal trainers with regimented schedules guide clients through strenuous, highly specialized workouts. **The prescribed apparel, often from prestigious international brands, is a functional uniform that also denotes commitment to a certain lifestyle.** The ostensible objective surpasses rudimentary physical fitness. Assiduous participation in grueling classes becomes a tangible broadcast of professional status, personal discipline, and disposable income.

The pursuit of this bodily aesthetic is all-encompassing, demanding far more than just consistent gym attendance. The endeavor dictates a meticulous and often prohibitive nutritional regimen. Upscale juice-cleanse subscriptions, imported dietary supplements, and organic-only meal plans are ubiquitous within this social set. "Clean eating" is discussed with a specialized lexicon, **replete** with arcane terminology. Food consumed is rarely for simple sustenance; it is a fastidiously curated component of a personal brand. Countless images of artfully arranged, health-conscious meals are subsequently documented and disseminated on social media, garnering social validation.

An intense focus on physical optimization contrasts sharply with conventional concepts of health, which were often synonymous with the simple absence of illness. In the modern corporate milieu, being **perceptibly** fit is increasingly conflated with a high-performing career. A lean, sculpted physique implies a level of austere self-control, ample financial means, and a mastery of one's own time. The body itself becomes a credential. A

powerful, non-verbal assertion of an individual's place in the prevailing social hierarchy has thus been established, visible to all.

An unmistakable social stratification accompanies such a trend. Entry into the rarified world of "wellness" is predicated almost entirely on substantial disposable income and considerable leisure time. A profound paradox is created. A construction worker or a farmer, whose occupation requires immense physical stamina and strength, is excluded from the contemporary "fitness" conversation. Their physical prowess is not aspirational because it is not commodified. The new, fashionable definition of health is not about intrinsic capability or longevity, but about participation in a very exclusive, commercialized, and visually performative lifestyle.

(Adapted from *Vietnam Briefing*)

Question 23 [1098636]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. The required clothing, frequently from elite global labels, serves as a practical uniform and simultaneously signifies dedication to a specific way of life.
- B. The stipulated attire, often from high-end global names, is a practical garment which consequently indicates dedication to a particular mode of living.
- C. In addition to signaling adherence to a certain way of life, the designated wear from top-tier international sources serves as a high-status outfit.
- D. The mandated clothing, frequently from reputable global brands, is seen as a utilitarian outfit precisely because it signals commitment to a specific lifestyle.

Question 24 [1098637]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a component of the costly, meticulous diet adopted by the upwardly mobile demographic described?

- A. Juice-cleanse subscriptions
- B. Imported dietary supplements
- C. Organic-only meal plans
- D. Private chef services

Question 25 [1098638]: The word **replete** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. defined
- B. filled
- C. derived
- D. replaced

Question 26 [1098639]: The word **perceptibly** in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. subjectively
- B. unnoticeably
- C. physically
- D. constantly

Question 27 [1098640]: The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. occupation
- B. strength
- C. physical prowess
- D. the conversation

Question 28 [1098641]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The meticulous nutritional regimens common in this social set are designed to achieve the traditional health goal of avoiding illness.
- B. The specialized terminology associated with "clean eating" was first developed by social media influencers to build their personal brands.
- C. The modern definition of fitness excludes occupations requiring physical strength because that type of prowess is no longer considered aspirational.
- D. A person's physical condition is increasingly interpreted as an implicit indicator of their professional standing and personal discipline.

Question 29 [1098642]: Which paragraph mentions that food choices are displayed online to gain affirmation from others?

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

Question 30 [1098643]: Which paragraph mentions that the new definition of fitness does not apply to physically strenuous jobs?

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

Read the 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 31 to 40.

CHATGPT MAY BE ERODING CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS?

A preliminary, not-yet-peer-reviewed study from the MIT Media Lab contends that habitual use of Large Language Models (LLMs) could prove deleterious to learning, particularly for younger users. The paper's lead author, Nataliya Kosmyna, released the findings pre-emptively, citing profound apprehensions that society's adoption of LLMs for convenience might come at the cost of long-term cognitive development. **[I]** She articulated a pressing fear of **precipitous** policy decisions, such as a "GPT kindergarten," which she believes would have a pernicious impact on developing brains.

The study directed subjects to compose essays from SAT prompts. One cohort utilized ChatGPT, another relied exclusively on their intrinsic cognitive faculties, while a third used Google Search. The divergence in outcomes was stark. The ChatGPT cohort produced derivative, formulaic essays that assessors described as "soulless." Concurrently, their EEG scans revealed diminished executive control and attentional focus. **[II]** Conversely, the "brain-only" group manifested high neural connectivity in frequency bands associated with creative ideation and memory, reporting greater ownership and satisfaction with their work. The Google Search group's similarly active brain function highlighted a crucial distinction between traditional search protocols and AI-driven information synthesis.

The experiment's second phase, which focused on knowledge retention, accentuated the cognitive disparities even more starkly. **When required to reconstruct their essays from memory, the former ChatGPT users faltered, exhibiting weak brain wave patterns indicative of a circumvention of deep mnemonic processes.** "You basically

didn't integrate any of it into your memory networks," Kosmyrna observes. [III] In stark contrast, when the "brain-only" group was permitted to use ChatGPT for the rewrite, they demonstrated a significant enhancement in brain connectivity, implying that AI may function as a potent augmentation tool, provided it does not supplant the initial cognitive exertion.

Beyond the laboratory setting, these findings resonate with clinicians observing current trends. Psychiatrist Dr. Zishan Khan, for instance, expresses similar concerns, warning that such overreliance can cause essential neural pathways for information retrieval and resilience to atrophy. Kosmyrna's team is now investigating AI's impact on software engineering, with findings that, even at this early stage, she describes as "even more severe," raising questions about the erosion of critical thinking in the workforce. [IV] While the scientific literature on AI's cognitive impact remains nascent, this study contributes a significant, cautionary datapoint to the discourse surrounding its integration into scholastic and professional spheres.

Question 31 [1098644]: According to paragraph 1, Nataliya Kosmyrna _____.

- A. suggests society delay LLM adoption until her study is peer-reviewed
- B. chose to publish her work early because of some very deep concerns
- C. attributes the pernicious impact of LLMs to their inherent convenience
- D. has a pressing fear about the effects of a "GPT kindergarten" on policies

Question 32 [1098645]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 1?

- A. A preliminary MIT study posits that habitual LLM use could prove detrimental to learning, with its author publicizing the findings due to urgent fears about premature educational policies.
- B. The lead author of a new MIT study has published early findings critical of LLMs, signaling a direct challenge to the policymakers and tech companies pushing for their rapid integration into schools.
- C. An MIT paper expresses significant reservations about the role of LLMs in education, speculating that their widespread adoption might come at the cost of long-term cognitive skills for younger users.
- D. A recent MIT paper acknowledges society's adoption of LLMs for convenience, while cautioning that this efficiency may involve a necessary trade-off with certain aspects of cognitive development.

Question 33 [1098646]: The word **precipitous** in paragraph 1 mostly means _____.

- A. rash
- B. steep
- C. drastic
- D. experimental

Question 34 [1098647]: According to the passage, the “brain-only” group is mentioned as _____.

- A. a cohort expected to have high connectivity in frequency bands associated with memory
- B. an example of participants expressing increased pride and contentment with their ability
- C. a group highlighting the distinction between creative ideation and their attentional engagement
- D. a comparison group used to measure the specific cognitive influence of using external tools

Question 35 [1098648]: According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a potential cognitive downside of habitual LLM use?

- A. Executive control
- B. Memory formation
- C. Social-emotional intelligence
- D. Information retrieval

Question 36 [1098649]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Former ChatGPT users struggled to rewrite their essays from memory, as their faint brain waves suggested a bypass of profound memory-making functions.
- B. The weak brain wave patterns of former ChatGPT users were the direct cause of their struggle to recall their essays, suggesting a failure to engage deep memory.
- C. As former ChatGPT users faltered when recalling their essays, their weak brain activity showed a subsequent circumvention of deep mnemonic processes.
- D. Brain scans of the ex-ChatGPT users showed that their creative faculties had faltered, leading to a circumvention of deep mnemonic processes.

Question 37 [1098650]: The word **its** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. discourse
- B. datapoint
- C. the study
- D. AI

Question 38 [1098651]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Essays produced with ChatGPT's help, while formulaic, were likely sufficient to meet the basic scoring requirements for the official prompts.
- B. The cognitive impact of AI language tools is not fixed, but depends on whether they are used to bypass or build upon initial mental exertion.
- C. The research was undertaken with the express intention of shaping public policy regarding AI's integration into early childhood education.
- D. The cognitive effects of LLMs are proving to be more pronounced in professional environments than within traditional academic settings.

Question 39 [1098652]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

By acting as a substitute for the brain's heavy lifting, the tool had prevented genuine knowledge encoding.

A. [II]

B. [I]

C. [IV]

D. [III]

Question 40 [1098653]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

A. The use of LLMs reveals contrasting cognitive outcomes, indicating the technology is neutral, with its effects being a consequence of how a user chooses to apply it with responsible and disciplined intent.

B. A study on cognition finds LLMs act as a harmful crutch for initial creation but a beneficial tool later, simplifying the complex discourse surrounding their integration to a matter of proper timing.

C. The use of LLMs in creative tasks seems to present a cognitive trade-off, where the convenience of generating formulaic essays comes at the direct cost of deep knowledge retention and integration.

D. A preliminary study cautions that LLMs can impede learning and memory by replacing cognitive work, yet also shows they can enhance cognition when used as a tool after initial mental effort.

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- Easy to use and clean, the Veggie Whiz makes healthy eating a (9) _____

Whether you're a beginner or a (10) _____ chef, this handy gadget will enhance your cooking skills. (11) _____ what some may believe about cooking being time-consuming, the Veggie Whizz allows you to quickly prep your ingredients and get cooking in no time.

Make cooking fun and exciting while discovering new (12) _____ that are full of flavor and nutrition! Join the veggie revolution today and see the difference for yourself!

(Adapted from Lemineest.com)

- Question 7** [1098663]: A. another B. others C. the other D. other
- Question 8** [1098664]: A. drops out of B. goes down with
C. cuts down on D. comes up with
- Question 9** [1098665]: A. puff B. breeze C. wind D. blow
- Question 10** [1098666]: A. flavored B. spiced C. seasoned D. peppered
- Question 11** [1098667]: A. Instead of B. Contrary to
C. Due to D. On account of
- Question 12** [1098668]: A. principles B. formulas C. procedures D. recipes

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 13 to 20.

AI ALL AROUND US

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is the development of computer systems that can carry out tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as interpretation and decision-making. Using complex mathematical rules called Algorithm, AI enables machines to process large amounts of information and imitate real human brain functions. The amazing accuracy and **efficiency** of AI have resulted in its widespread use in a variety of areas, and there are already a number of different applications for the technology.

Nowadays, AI-powered robots are becoming increasingly common. Industrial robots, for instance, are widely used to perform tasks related to manufacturing, like painting and product assembly. Experts have said that these robots are designed to work with a high level of accuracy and speed, which improves productivity in factories. There are also AI-equipped rescue robots that can be used to help save lives in emergency situations. **These machines can make intelligent choices to avoid obstacles in dangerous environments.** This makes **them** perfect for use in disaster zones.

At the same time, AI is also being used to power gadgets that help us in our daily lives. Private digital assistants, for example, can understand and respond to users' voice commands, which makes them useful for simple tasks like looking up information online and scheduling appointments. AI-powered navigation apps can use real-time data processing to help us find the quickest and most efficient routes to our destinations when we are travelling. A diet tracker is another type of AI application that can provide users with nutrition **recommendations** based on their specific needs. In this way, AI is changing our routines and personal habits.

AI is a rapidly developing technology that is not only transforming industries but also changing our daily lives and doing tasks that used to be considered impossible for machines. In the years to come, we can surely expect more innovative and amazing AI applications.

(Adapted from *Bright*)

Question 13 [1098669]: Which of the following is not mentioned in paragraph 1 about artificial intelligence?

- A. AI enables machines to imitate human brain functions.
- B. AI is widely used in many different areas.
- C. Algorithms are complex mathematical rules used in AI.
- D. AI is primarily used for manufacturing and assembly line tasks.

Question 14 [1098670]: The word **efficiency** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. inequality
- B. inability
- C. capacity
- D. productivity

Question 15 [1098671]: What does the word "**them**" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. machines
- B. obstacles
- C. choices
- D. environments

Question 16 [1098672]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. These machines have the ability to make smart decisions to destroy obstacles in risky environments.
- B. These machines are able to make wise decisions to navigate around obstacles in every environment.
- C. These machines are capable of making smart decisions to steer clear of obstacles in hazardous settings.
- D. These machines are not able to make thoughtful decisions to navigate around obstacles in risky environments.

Question 17 [1098673]: The word **recommendations** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____

- A. considerations
- B. instructions
- C. objections
- D. suggestions

Question 18 [1098674]: According to paragraph 3, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Navigation apps can recognize human speech.
- B. Diet tracker apps can help users to search for different sources of information.
- C. Digital assistant apps can provide specific, personalized advice for individual users.
- D. Navigation apps can process and update information to provide the best directions.

Question 19 [1098675]: In which paragraph does the writer mention a contrasting relationship?

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

Question 20 [1098676]: In which paragraph does the writer mention AI's use in our daily lives?

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

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 21 to 25.

Question 21 [1098677]:

- a. Rachel: It'll kick off at 7 PM at my place. Hope to see you there!
b. Rachel: Hey Mark, I'm hosting a farewell party this Saturday, and I'd love for you to join!
c. Mark: That sounds fun! What time does it start?

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

Question 22 [1098678]:

- a. Guide: I don't think that would be a good idea because the sea will probably be rough tomorrow. I'd recommend surfing instead. People can rent surfboards and wetsuits at the beach shop.
b. Woman: Thanks. And my friend is interested in diving. Should he bring his equipment?
c. Woman: That's a great idea. Thanks!
d. Woman: Excuse me. What do you think we should wear tomorrow?
e. Guide: Well, it may be windy on the beach, so if I were you, I would bring some warm clothes.

(Adapted from *Global Success*)

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

Question 23 [1098679]:

Hey Sam,

- a. Should I choose a job with a higher salary, even if it means more travel and longer hours? Or should I go for the job that feels more comfortable and closer to home?
b. I need your advice. I have two job offers, but I'm not sure which one to choose.
c. However, the office is far, requiring long commutes and potentially long work hours.
d. The second job is with a big corporation offering a higher salary and growth opportunities.
e. The first job is at a small company with lower pay but a friendly work environment and flexible hours. It's close to my home.

Let me know what you think when you can. Your opinion is valuable to me.

Thanks! Jamie

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

Question 24 [1098680]:

- a. To conclude, childhood obesity is a real problem, but we can fight it with healthier eating and an active lifestyle.
- b. Childhood obesity can be prevented in many ways.
- c. That way, they can take up healthy hobbies and control their weight.
- d. Another solution would be to encourage an active lifestyle. Parents can encourage their children to participate in physical activities.
- e. One solution is to increase awareness. For instance, we could provide nutrition classes for parents and children so they can understand the importance of healthy eating.

(Adapted from *Bright*)

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

Question 25 [1098681]:

- a. Providing youth with education, job opportunities, and positive role models can also reduce the likelihood of them becoming involved in criminal behavior.
- b. Preventing crime involves a combination of community engagement and effective law enforcement strategies.
- c. Additionally, law enforcement can focus on proactive policing, such as patrolling high-crime areas and using surveillance technology, to deter criminal activity before it occurs.
- d. One key approach is to strengthen neighborhood networks through community watch programs, where residents collaborate to identify and report suspicious activities.
- e. Lastly, addressing social issues like poverty, substance abuse, and mental health support can help tackle the root causes of crime and create a safer, more cohesive society.

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

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

A short history of the selfie

They're everywhere - people posing with their phones held out in front of them or on a selfie stick. And it's not just young people - social media users of all ages (26) _____.

So when did this selfie mania begin? Most people would guess that it was around the beginning of this century or perhaps a bit later, with the rise of smartphones in the early 2000s, (27) _____. But most people would be wrong, just as Britney Spears and Paris Hilton were wrong when they declared on Twitter in 2017 that they had invented the selfie eleven years previously. (28) _____. The oldest existing selfie dates back to 1839 when photographer Robert Cornelius took a self-portrait photograph of himself. To achieve this, he had to uncover the lens, run to his place, pose in the same position for up to fifteen minutes, and then run back to cover the lens again. Cornelius couldn't take a dozen shots and choose the best one - his selfie had to be just one photo. Half a century later, in 1914, (29) _____.

And what about the origin of the word itself? It is thought to come from Australia, where people have a habit of putting -ie, on the end of words - barbie for barbecue, postie for postal worker and even Aussie for Australian. Taking a photo of a lip injury in 2002, (30) _____. He referred to the photo as a selfie, and the term was born. Selfie became Oxford Dictionaries' word of the year in 2013.

(Adapted from *Discovery*)

Question 26 [1098682]:

- A. take selfies, including space-walking astronauts and the Pope.
- B. whose selfies, including space-walking astronauts and the Pope, are taken.
- C. having been taken selfies, including space-walking astronauts and the Pope.
- D. who, including space-walking astronauts and the Pope, had their selfies taken.

Question 27 [1098683]:

- A. of which widespread use led to the trend.
- B. brought about widespread use and linked to the trend.
- C. linked its widespread use with the trend.
- D. whose widespread use is often linked to the trend.

Question 28 [1098684]:

- A. In fact, that claim took around 167 years too late to make.
- B. In fact, they were around 167 years too late to make that claim.
- C. In fact, being around 167 years, it was too late to make that claim.
- D. In fact, it took around 167 years too late to make that claim.

Question 29 [1098685]:

- A. taking a picture of herself in a mirror, it allowed thirteen-year-old Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia to become the first teenager to take a selfie.
- B. thirteen-year-old Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia took a picture of herself in a mirror and became the first teenager to take a selfie.
- C. without taking any pictures of herself in a mirror, thirteen-year-old Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia became the first teenager to take a selfie.
- D. thirteen-year-old Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia took a picture of herself in a mirror, persuading her to become the first teenager to take a selfie.

Question 30 [1098686]:

- A. the photo was uploaded to a public forum by an Australian man seeking advice on how to treat it.
- B. a public forum received a photo from an Australian man who was seeking advice on how to treat it.
- C. the advice was asked for by an Australian man in a public forum.
- D. an Australian man posted it on a public forum to seek advice on how to treat it.

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

As concerns about climate change and environmental degradation grow, green architecture has emerged as a cornerstone of sustainable urban development. Green architecture emphasizes minimizing environmental impact while maximizing energy efficiency and occupant well-being. It incorporates features like renewable materials, efficient energy systems, and biophilic design principles, aiming to harmonize buildings with their surroundings.

[I] One key principle of green architecture is the integration of renewable energy technologies. Solar panels, geothermal heating, and wind turbines are increasingly embedded into architectural designs to reduce dependence on non-renewable resources.

[II] Furthermore, sustainable buildings **utilize** innovative materials, such as recycled steel or bamboo, which reduce carbon emissions during construction. **These** materials are both durable and aesthetically appealing, offering an alternative to traditional concrete.

[III] Another critical feature is passive design, which focuses on optimizing natural light and ventilation to cut down energy consumption without compromising comfort. For example, strategically placed windows and green roofs can significantly lower heating and cooling needs. **[IV]** Lastly, green architecture prioritizes water efficiency, employing systems such as rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling to conserve this vital resource.

The **adoption** of sustainable building also practices brings numerous benefits, including lower utility bills, healthier indoor environments, and reduced ecological footprints. However, challenges remain, such as higher upfront costs and the need for widespread adoption across sectors. **Despite these hurdles, the future of architecture lies in embracing sustainability, paving the way for resilient and eco-friendly urban spaces.**

(Adapted from On Screen B2)

Question 31 [1098687]: Where in paragraph [] does the following sentence best fit?

“These approaches ensure that buildings meet the needs of current generations without compromising those of the future.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1098688]: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a benefit of using innovative materials in green buildings?

- A. Enhancing visual appeal B. Reducing carbon emissions
 C. Offering greater durability D. Guaranteeing lower costs

Question 33 [1098689]: The word "**adoption**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. integration B. rejection C. innovation D. acceleration

Question 34 [1098690]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Green architecture focuses on reducing energy and water consumption through passive design and efficient systems.
 B. Innovative projects emphasize community and environmental integration.
 C. Passive design and water efficiency are not as important in green architecture as renewable energy technologies.
 D. Water efficiency in green buildings is achieved only through the use of greywater recycling.

Question 35 [1098691]: The word "**utilize**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. stand clear of B. make use of
 C. keep up with D. crack down on

Question 36 [1098692]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Architecture will only thrive if it avoids challenges and chooses eco-friendly designs to make urban spaces more livable.
 B. Overcoming obstacles, the future of architecture will prioritize technological advancements to build smarter and greener spaces.
 C. Even with these challenges, architecture will focus on creativity to design modern cities that are harmful to the environment.
 D. Although challenges remain, sustainable practices will shape the future of architecture, fostering durable and environmentally conscious cities.

Question 37 [1098693]: The word "**these**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. renewable energy technologies
 B. water-efficient systems
 C. innovative materials
 D. passive design features

Question 38 [1098694]: Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. Green roofs are designed solely for aesthetic purposes.
 B. renewable energy technologies are increasingly embedded into architectural designs to reduce dependence on non-renewable resources
 C. Recycled materials have limited use in construction.
 D. Rainwater harvesting systems are impractical in urban areas.

Question 39 [1098695]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Technological solutions alone will not suffice for achieving sustainability.
- B. Green architecture solely relies on innovative materials for its success.
- C. Sustainable practices will replace all traditional building designs in the future.
- D. Green buildings primarily influence urban areas rather than rural environments.

Question 40 [1098696]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. The primary goal of green architecture is to replace all conventional materials.
- B. Sustainable buildings focus solely on minimizing energy use during construction.
- C. Sustainable buildings resolve all urban development challenges.
- D. Green architecture combines innovation and efficiency to address environmental concerns.

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Read the following leaflet 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 7 to 12.

UNVEIL THE TIMELESS WONDERS OF EGYPT AT THE GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

The Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest museum devoted to a single civilization, is strategically located beside the iconic Pyramids of Giza, showcasing the extraordinary legacy of ancient Egypt in unparalleled grandeur.

Why visit the Grand Egyptian Museum?

- **Vast Exhibition Space:** Nearly 872,000 square feet of meticulously curated galleries (7) _____ tens of thousands of artefacts are presented.
- **Tutankhamun's Treasures:** Witness the complete 5,000-piece collection of Tutankhamun's golden artefacts for the first time since 1922 with chariots, weapons and (8) _____ ritual furniture.
- **Twelve Thematic Galleries:** Lift the (9) _____ on Egypt's history in both chronological order and thematic display, from the dawn of civilization to the pharaohs' reign and (10) _____ a colossal statue of Ramses II together with state-of-the-art conservation labs.
- **Architectural Splendor:** Ascend a monumental staircase adorned with statues and sculptures, leading to panoramic vistas of the Pyramids through floor-to-ceiling windows.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Experience a perfect fusion of ancient heritage and (11) _____, offering insights into Egypt's enduring legacy.
- **Seasonal Advantage:** Open during Egypt's cooler months, when tourism peaks and the pleasant weather enhances your exploration.

Seize the moment and plan your journey now! The Grand Egyptian Museum is not merely an attraction (12) _____ a wondrous space where you can immerse yourself in a magnificent chapter of history!

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

- Question 7** [1098723]: A. which B. where C. when D. who
- Question 8** [1098724]: A. other B. others C. another D. the other
- Question 9** [1098725]: A. cloth B. drape C. shroud D. veil
- Question 10** [1098726]: A. bewilder B. bestow C. beguile D. behold
- Question 11** [1098727]: A. museum modern design B. design museum modern
C. modern design museum D. modern museum design
- Question 12** [1098728]: A. or B. and C. but D. for

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

Question 13 [1098729]:

- a. Daisy: That sounds perfect. Could you send me the details and premium rates, please?
- b. Daisy: I'd like to know if your insurance service works for accidents overseas.
- c. Mark: Of course! Our policy covers all medical and travel-related emergencies abroad.

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

Question 14 [1098730]:

- a. Anna: Lifelong learning can take many forms. I've recently joined an online course in digital marketing to keep updated and broaden my perspective.
- b. Mitchell: That's a great choice. I often reflect on my experiences and try to learn from my mistakes.
- c. Anna: I believe lifelong learning is the key to personal and professional growth.
- d. Anna: That's a great mindset, Mitchell.
- e. Mitchell: Absolutely! In today's world, knowledge becomes outdated so quickly that it's essential to stay informed. What do you do to keep learning throughout your life?

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

Question 15 [1098731]:

Dear Professor William,

- a. Additionally, could you please specify whether any particular sources, references, or sections are required?
- b. While I understand the general topic, I would appreciate it if you could provide more specific guidance on the expected structure and content requirements.
- c. I am also unsure about the submission procedure. Should we submit the essay through the university's online platform or directly via email?
- d. I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to seek clarification regarding the essay assignment for our class.
- e. First, I would like to confirm the preferred format, such as the font style, size, and spacing, as well as the maximum word count for the essay.

Thank you very much for your time and guidance,

Best regards.

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

Question 16 [1098732]:

- a. Urban green spaces support valuable functions and provide many ecosystem services, offsetting the negative environmental effects of urbanization while providing benefits to human well-being.
- b. Globally, urban areas are expanding and undergoing rapid development, with 65% of the world's population expected to be urban by the year 2025.
- c. This situation reduces the quality of life of urban dwellers and necessitates a stronger structure of urban policy from the government.
- d. However, rapid urban expansion profoundly transforms green space structure and causes degradation in connectivity, biodiversity, and ecosystem function.
- e. In Southeast Asia, the rapid expansion of three countries was considered, namely, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, resulting in a significant decline of green spaces.

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

Question 17 [1098733]:

- a. I believe joining the English Speaking Club has greatly challenged me and reshaped the way I express myself in English simultaneously.
- b. This very first participation, however, truly transformed my perspective; it turned out to be a welcoming and non-judgmental space where people could share and interact with others.
- c. This occasion has made me overcome my fear and discover a new passion that I am determined to devote more time to.
- d. I used to repeatedly avoid attending the English Speaking Club due to a deep sense of inadequacy, convinced that my abilities fell short of the required standard.
- e. Speaking English was such a nightmare for me, as I have always struggled to articulate my genuine thoughts with clarity and confidence.

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

Read the following passage 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.

Friendship is often perceived as an effortless and intuitive bond, (18) _____. Traditionally, researchers have approached friendship through the social exchange framework which conceptualizes relationships as transactional systems of reciprocal benefit. Within this theoretical approach, individuals are thought to sustain bonds only insofar as the anticipated benefits exceed the costs or at least (19) _____. However, such a utilitarian lens neglects the emotional depth and moral dimensions that define authentic human connection.

Recent scholarship advocates for a paradigm shift toward the risk-pooling model (20) _____. Anthropological evidence from societies such as the Maasai of East Africa, who form lifelong osotua partnerships, and ranching communities in the American Southwest demonstrates that people often assist friends during unpredictable hardships without expectation of repayment. (21) _____.

Empirical findings further suggest that traits such as loyalty, dependability, and emotional presence outweigh transactional fairness in determining the perceived quality of friendship. (22) _____. In an increasingly uncertain world, cultivating such emotionally committed and risk-pooling relationships may not only enhance psychological well-being but also fortify collective resilience, echoing the cooperative strategies that once ensured our species' survival.

(Adapted from <https://theconversation.com>)

Question 18 [1098734]:

- A. but uncovers the intricate interplay of emotional, cognitive, and ethical dimensions within it.
- B. yet rigorous psychological investigation reveals its emotional, cognitive, and moral complexity.
- C. and careful psychological analysis uncovers its sentimental, mental, and normative intricacy.
- D. so meticulous psychological investigation discloses its emotional, reasoning, and ethical depth.

Question 19 [1098735]:

- A. offsetting sentimental and financial commitments.
- B. be offset by affective and tangible contributions.
- C. offset their emotional and material investments.
- D. sentimental and physical resources devoted are offset.

Question 20 [1098736]:

- A. viewing friendship not as a calculated exchange of benefits but as a robust framework of shared trust and emotional sustenance.
- B. perceiving transactional record of exchanges not as an enduring system grounded in reciprocal trust and solidarity but as a mere friendship.
- C. conceptualizing friendship through the lens of transactional reciprocity and a stable structure sustained by interdependent trust and compassion.
- D. interpreting mutual faith and altruistic support as the characteristics of friendship, not as the notion of measured exchange.

Question 21 [1098737]:

- A. These individuals manage to confront hardships without relying on social alliances, formal structure, or even informal systems of social insurance.
- B. Informal social insurance systems rely on these alliances to protect and support individuals to compete with formal mechanisms that often entail greater risks.
- C. In moments of crisis, such alliances are compelled to act like informal social insurance networks, safeguarding individuals from the systemic failures of formal mechanisms.
- D. These alliances function as informal social insurance systems, sustaining individuals through crises where formal structures might fail.

Question 22 [1098738]:

- A. Moreover, the true worth of friendship is reflected more in the capacity for compassionate altruism and uncalculated generosity than in the notion of balanced exchange.
- B. As a result, friendship's true value lies less in balanced exchange and more in the capacity for compassionate reciprocity marked by an uncalculated willingness to offer.
- C. In other words, the true value of friendship must strike a balance between mutual exchange and the capacity for compassionate, uncalculated altruism.
- D. The true value of friendship, by contrast, resides in the capacity for compassionate and uncalculated altruism rather than in the mere exchange of benefits.

Read the 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 23 to 30.

Our cities, pulsating with relentless energy and constant development, are often seen as antithetical to nature. Yet, for millions, the sliver of green in a local park, the lone tree pushing through pavement, or the surprising resilience of a few hardy birds are their only daily connection to the natural world. This relentless march of urbanization, while necessary for growth, often comes at a steep price: the quiet erosion of urban green spaces and the subtle but profound impact on both the environment and human well-being.

The incessant expansion of the concrete jungle continues **unabated**. Old gardens make way for apartment blocks, forgotten corners become parking lots, and even small patches of woodland are cleared for infrastructure. What often goes unnoticed is not just the physical loss of trees or grass, but the disappearance of vital ecological functions. These urban green lungs regulate temperatures, absorb rainwater, filter pollutants, and provide crucial habitat for a surprising array of wildlife – from insects vital for local ecosystems to migrating birds seeking refuge. **Their** removal intensifies urban heat island effects, exacerbates flood risks, and diminishes air quality, making cities less livable.

Beyond the environmental metrics, the human cost is equally significant. Access to green spaces is increasingly recognized as fundamental for mental and physical health. A walk in a park can reduce stress, improve mood, and even boost cognitive function. **Children who are deprived of natural play areas miss out on critical developmental experiences.** For vulnerable communities, who often have the least access to quality green spaces, this urban ecological deficit deepens existing inequalities, creating healthier environments for some while others are left in concrete deserts.

Reimagining our cities to embrace rather than eradicate nature is no longer a mere aesthetic choice; it's an urgent necessity for resilience and well-being. Integrating green roofs, vertical gardens, community allotments, and accessible parks into urban planning isn't just about beautification. It's about building smarter, healthier, and more sustainable cities that recognize the **intrinsic** value of nature, not as an optional extra, but as an essential component of a thriving modern metropolis. The fight for conservation, in many ways, is now playing out on the very streets we inhabit.

(Adapted from *WordPress.com*)

Question 23 [1098739]: According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as an ecological function of urban green spaces?

- A. Regulating local temperatures
- B. Providing habitat for wildlife
- C. Improving soil fertility for agriculture
- D. Filtering air pollutants

Question 24 [1098740]: The word **unbated** in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. undiminished
- B. accelerating
- C. worsening
- D. unplanned

Question 25 [1098741]: The word **Their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Urban green lungs
- B. Local ecosystems
- C. Insects
- D. Pollutants

Question 26 [1098742]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Kids without access to nature-based play zones consequently struggle to grab the opportunities for their growth.
- B. When children are cut off from natural play environments, crucial developmental experiences will be missed.
- C. Having limited access to natural areas for playing means teenagers forfeit significant experiences for their development.
- D. A loss of key developmental experiences is the direct result for children who are prohibited from playing in nature.

Question 27 [1098743]: The word **intrinsic** in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. unavailable
- B. deficient
- C. acquired
- D. inherent

Question 28 [1098744]: Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 4?

- A. The contemporary movement for conservation is increasingly taking place within urbanized settings.
- B. Incorporating natural elements is a strategy intended to supplement existing urban planning models.
- C. The chief value of nature in cities is its functional capacity to improve resilience and sustainability.
- D. The process of making cities smarter leads directly to them becoming healthier and more sustainable.

Question 29 [1098745]: Which paragraph mentions the socio-economic disparity in access to nature?

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

Question 30 [1098746]: Which paragraph mentions the role of green spaces in mitigating climate-related urban hazards?

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

Read the 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 31 to 40.

An image shared on social media depicts not a scene from the past, but a contemporary gathering in the metaverse: avatars holding cigarettes, smoke curling upwards in a virtual bar. This scene epitomizes an emergent and disquieting marketing frontier where tobacco and vape companies are infiltrating virtual spaces to target young people, operating with impunity beyond the reach of conventional regulation. **[I]** Health advocates warn this development poses a formidable new challenge to global public health.

A recent report by the public health organization Vital Strategies, presented at the World Conference on Tobacco Control, uncovered numerous instances of **this strategy**. Researchers found tobacco corporations launching digital assets and vape companies sponsoring online games. For example, content linked to one of Indonesia's largest cigarette firms portrayed metaverse gatherings where avatars casually searched for lighters and smoked together, a tactic engineered to normalize the behavior in a social context. **[II]** These promotions are particularly insidious given that over half of the metaverse's active users are 13 years old or younger.

Experts express profound concern over the convergence of Big Tech's expertise in driving user engagement with the tobacco industry's long history of cultivating addiction. This anxiety is compounded by the understanding that online behavior often diverges from real-world conduct. In the metaverse, where users adopt new personas and social norms are more **malleable**, the subtle promotion of nicotine use becomes powerfully integrated with themes of aspirational identity and freedom. **[III]** As Dr. Melina Magsumbol of Vital Strategies articulates, the industry is exploiting this to "subtly sell the idea that you can be anything, anyone you want."

This pervasive digital marketing creates a significant regulatory dilemma. While the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control mandates comprehensive bans on tobacco advertising, enforcing these rules in borderless digital realms is an intricate problem that governments are struggling to address. **[IV]** Health officials emphasize that inaction is perilous. Dr. Nandita Murukutla of Vital Strategies cautions that what begins as a marginal trend can rapidly achieve critical mass, at which point "dialing something back is virtually impossible." **The imperative is clear: regulations must adapt before this new wave of digital marketing becomes irrevocably entrenched.**

Question 31 [1098747]: According to paragraph 1, the infiltration of virtual environments by tobacco companies may create _____.

- A. a contemporary gathering of avatars depicted in a shared social media image
- B. a new marketing frontier requiring updates to conventional advertising regulation
- C. a method for targeting young people through contemporary virtual gatherings
- D. a significant public health threat operating outside traditional legal frameworks

Question 32 [1098748]: The phrase **this strategy** in the paragraph 2 refers to the practice of _____.

- A. presenting reports at the World Conference on Tobacco Control
- B. sharing images of avatars smoking in virtual bars on social media
- C. tobacco companies infiltrating virtual spaces to target young people
- D. creating new regulations for marketing in the metaverse

Question 33 [1098749]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. A public health report found tobacco firms are using digital assets, game sponsorships, and virtual social events to normalize smoking in the metaverse, where a high proportion of users are under thirteen.
- B. A report on metaverse marketing shows firms using digital assets and game sponsorships, but frames the creation of virtual social smoking events as the more forward-thinking strategy for community building.
- C. A recent study found tobacco firms are normalizing smoking with digital assets and social events, with the sponsorship of online games being the key tactic for engaging with the metaverse's young user base.
- D. A recent report, prompted by the number of young metaverse users, uncovered various tactics like digital assets and social events used by tobacco companies to normalize smoking behaviors among them.

Question 34 [1098750]: What behavior did a tobacco corporation from Indonesia showcase in its digital world campaign?

- A. The sponsorship of various popular online games.
- B. The casual smoking of avatars in a social gathering.
- C. The launching of exclusive, branded digital assets.
- D. The selling of virtual lighters to underage avatars.

Question 35 [1098751]: In Dr. Melina Magsumbol's view, what is the tobacco industry promoting to its metaverse audience?

- A. The belief in a lack of real-world consequences.
- B. The idea of defining oneself without any limits.
- C. The message of an alliance with leading tech firms.
- D. The importance of fitting into a digital social context.

Question 36 [1098752]: The word **malleable** in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. easily influenced
- B. newly established
- C. socially constructed
- D. culturally ingrained

Question 37 [1098753]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. It is crucial for new regulations to be created before this digital marketing trend becomes too firmly established to be reversed.
- B. There is a clear need for regulations to adapt before this new wave of online advertising takes a permanent, unchangeable hold.
- C. It is vital that governing rules should be updated before this new digital marketing approach becomes immensely difficult to influence.
- D. Even though this new style of digital marketing is too deeply rooted to be managed, adapting regulations is considered a clear necessity.

Question 38 [1098754]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The fluid social conventions of virtual worlds allow nicotine promotion to be seamlessly woven into users' construction of new, idealized identities.
- B. Tobacco firms are targeting the metaverse since its younger user base is considered more focused on building aspirational identities than adults.
- C. Health officials believe the trend of digital tobacco marketing is now at a critical mass, a point where future regulatory efforts would be ineffective.
- D. The inclusion of details like avatars searching for lighters constitutes a particularly sophisticated psychological tactic for normalizing smoking.

Question 39 [1098755]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

The adoption of a smoking avatar can thus become a low-stakes form of identity exploration, detached from real-world health consequences.

- A. [I]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [IV]

Question 40 [1098756]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The rise of tobacco promotion in the metaverse highlights an inevitable conflict between technological innovation and public health regulation, posing a complex new challenge for existing legal frameworks on advertising.
- B. The infiltration of the metaverse by tobacco firms is a problem of platform design that allows for subtle marketing, suggesting the regulatory challenge is to mandate specific new user safety and verification features.
- C. Tobacco companies employ the unregulated metaverse to normalize smoking among youth, which is made harmful by combining digital engagement strategies with addiction marketing, posing an urgent regulatory challenge.
- D. The metaverse is providing a novel frontier for tobacco marketing due to its lack of regulation, where young users are more vulnerable because they are less able to distinguish advertising from organic social interaction.

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

Seldom has the need to protect our planet's delicate ecosystems been more urgent or more widely acknowledged. At this critical juncture, governments and corporations face a watershed moment: they can either cling to outdated, profit-driven models, make superficial gestures of environmentalism, or (1) _____. The path chosen now will irrevocably shape the world for generations to come.

The obstacles to meaningful conservation stem not only from the scarcity of financial resources and advanced technology but also (2) _____. Ambitious targets are often set at international conferences, with vast sums allocated to various projects. (3) _____. The ancestral knowledge and daily stewardship of indigenous communities are invaluable assets, yet they are too often sidelined in policymaking.

Looking ahead, the path toward meaningful conservation must be paved with more than just good intentions and legislative ink. Robust international policies can certainly regulate industries and protect vast ecosystems, (4) _____. This cultivation of a shared environmental ethic is what animates policy, transforming it from a distant concept into a collective human endeavor. (5) _____.

(Adapted from *ScienceDirect*)

Question 1 [1098793]:

- A. a fundamental commitment to embracing the redesign of our economic relationship with nature
- B. redesigning our economic relationship with nature is a fundamental commitment to be embraced
- C. of committing to a fundamental embrace of our economic relationship with nature's redesign
- D. embrace a fundamental commitment to redesigning our economic relationship with nature

Question 2 [1098794]:

- A. within political and corporate spheres is a deep-seated resistance to change
- B. from the deep-seated resistance to change within political and corporate spheres
- C. on account of the deep-seated changing resistance within political and corporate spheres
- D. the political and corporate spheres, from which resist changes in a deep-seated way

Question 3 [1098795]:

- A. Genuine local support, nevertheless, frequently proves these top-down efforts ineffective
- B. Without genuine local support, these top-down efforts' ineffectiveness is frequently proven
- C. Frequently, efforts to prove these top-down are ineffective, supported with local genuineness
- D. However, these top-down efforts frequently prove ineffective without genuine local support

Question 4 [1098796]:

- A. or their sterility and ineffectiveness remain corresponded without a public consciousness shift
- B. so a corresponding shift in the public consciousness is not without being sterile and ineffective
- C. yet they remain sterile and ineffective without a corresponding shift in the public consciousness
- D. if the corresponding shift which is publicly conscious, does not remain sterile and ineffective

Question 5 [1098797]:

- A. Within this collective shifting, the truest hope for our planet's future resides in the mindset
- B. It is within this collective shift in mindset that the truest hope for our planet's future resides
- C. For our planet's future, the truest hope's residence is within this collective mindset's shifting
- D. The truest hope for our planet's future resides in the collective mindset, within this shift

Read the 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.

Primary education systems across the West are in a state of profound disagreement over the teaching of reading. For decades, the prevailing doctrine on how to teach children to read was dominated by a "balanced literacy" approach. That consensus is now **imploding**. A growing body of evidence, drawn from cognitive neuroscience, indicates these popular methods are fundamentally flawed and failing a substantial portion of students. The fallout is forcing a non-optional, systemic overhaul of curricula and challenging long-held beliefs about learning.

The repudiated methods, often grouped under names like "whole language," operated on a mistaken assumption that learning to read is a natural process, similar to learning to speak. Children were actively encouraged to use contextual cues, sentence structure, or accompanying pictures to guess at unfamiliar words. This practice, critics contend, diverted attention from the text itself. **It inadvertently trained students to scan and predict rather than to meticulously decode the phonemes on the page, leaving many without the tools to read proficiently.**

In response, a movement known as the "Science of Reading" has gained immense political and academic traction. This is not an invention but a compendium of established research. **It** posits that reading is a complex, acquired skill that must be explicitly taught. The methodology emphasizes systematic phonics—the direct, sequential instruction of sound-letter correspondence. Proponents argue this is the only reliable way to build the neurological pathways required for fluent, automatic word recognition, particularly for students who struggle.

Adopting these new standards is proving neither smooth nor universally celebrated. School districts are spending millions to procure new, phonics-aligned materials. Veteran educators, long trained in balanced literacy, are now required to undergo intensive retraining, with some lamenting the new model as rigid and joyless. They fear its mechanical focus on decoding will stifle a student's genuine desire to read for pleasure. It is a deeply **contentious** and costly transition, representing a fundamental battle over the very philosophy of how children learn.

(Adapted from *Education Next*)

Question 6 [1098798]: The word **imploding** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. expanding B. shifting C. emerging D. strengthening

Question 7 [1098799]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The method unintentionally conditioned students to skim and guess, rather than to precisely analyze the phonemes on the page, depriving many of proficient reading skills.
- B. Students were inadvertently taught to scan and anticipate, as opposed to meticulously decoding the phonemes, which left many lacking the tools needed to read quickly.
- C. Leaving many without proficient reading skills, the method accidentally trained students to scan and predict, rather than to meticulously grasp the meaning of the words.
- D. The unintentional outcome was that students learned to read for gist instead of carefully decoding phonemes, which ultimately deprived many of proficient reading tools.

Question 8 [1098800]: According to the passage, which of the following was NOT encouraged as a tool for guessing unfamiliar words in the 'whole language' approach?

- A. Contextual cues
- B. Sentence structure
- C. Accompanying pictures
- D. Word memorization

Question 9 [1098801]: The word **It** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. An invention
- B. Established research
- C. A movement
- D. Reading

Question 10 [1098802]: The word **contentious** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. controversial
- B. expensive
- C. unnecessary
- D. complicated

Question 11 [1098803]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The "Science of Reading" movement is based on the concept that acquiring literacy is an innate ability, much like acquiring speech.
- B. The widespread financial spending by school districts on new materials is a direct consequence of recent cognitive neuroscience findings.
- C. The resistance from some long-serving educators stems from the lack of sufficient cognitive evidence supporting the new reading model.
- D. Some seasoned teachers are concerned that the new curriculum's focus on structured rules will diminish a child's intrinsic desire to read

Question 12 [1098804]: Which paragraph mentions that an old method taught students to look away from the text for clues?

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

Question 13 [1098805]: Which paragraph mentions the financial resources needed to adopt the new teaching model?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

lining Fossil fuel company net zero plans 'largely meaningless,' report says



Amid a growing wave of corporate climate commitments, a new report delivers a stark assessment: the recent surge in "net-zero" targets from fossil fuel companies is largely performative and lacks the requisite substance for genuine climate action. [I] The analysis, conducted by Net Zero Tracker, a research consortium including the University of Oxford, found that while the number of major firms with such pledges has risen sharply, their plans are undermined by critical deficiencies that render them "largely meaningless."

The report's primary criticism targets the pervasive failure to address Scope 3 emissions. **For fossil fuel companies, this is by far the most crucial category, as it encompasses the emissions generated from the end-use combustion of their products.** This single source can account for up to 90% of a company's total carbon footprint. [II] The assessment determined that the vast majority of corporate net-zero plans either completely disregard these emissions, lack transparency in their accounting, or fail to present any credible reduction strategy, thereby **negating** their core environmental accountability.

Beyond the glaring omission of Scope 3, the report identifies other significant shortcomings. [III] Researchers noted a widespread absence of clear, short-term reduction targets, which are essential for ensuring accountability and preventing procrastination. Furthermore, the analysis highlights a profound contradiction: not a single one of the 112 companies reviewed had made any substantive commitment to phasing out or even reducing **their** primary business of fossil fuel extraction. Such practices fall far short of the stringent guidelines issued by the United Nations to prevent corporate greenwashing.

The credibility gap between rhetoric and reality extends beyond the corporate world. The report's findings arrive in a context where over 4,000 entities globally, including countries and cities, have made similar net-zero commitments. [IV] A separate study recently published in the journal *Science*, however, found that roughly 90% of *national* net-zero targets are also deemed unachievable due to inadequate planning. While some industry experts contend that credible transition plans take time to develop, the profound disconnect between public pledges and the concrete actions required for genuine decarbonization casts serious doubt on the current state of global climate commitments.

Question 14 [1098806]: According to paragraph 1, the conclusion that numerous corporate climate promises lack significance stems from _____.

- A. the recent sharp increase in the number of firms with "net-zero" pledges
- B. the participation of fossil fuel companies in a growing wave of climate commitments
- C. a specific finding from the University of Oxford about meaningless corporate pledges
- D. the absence of credible and detailed plans to support the stated commitments

Question 15 [1098807]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. A key difficulty for fossil fuel firms in creating credible net-zero plans is the challenge of accurately tracking Scope 3 emissions, as the end-use combustion of their products is a complex and vast source of their carbon footprint.
- B. Due to Scope 3 emissions constituting a vast portion of their total carbon footprint, most fossil fuel companies have chosen to exclude them from their net-zero plans, arguing they fall outside of their direct operational control.
- C. The failure of fossil fuel companies to address their Scope 3 emissions, which can be up to 90% of their carbon footprint, renders their net-zero commitments invalid under most international corporate reporting standards.
- D. The central weakness identified in fossil fuel firms' net-zero pledges is a failure to properly account for Scope 3 emissions, the category covering the end-use of their products and representing the majority of their carbon impact.

Question 16 [1098808]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. For fossil fuel companies, Scope 3 is the most important emissions category as it covers the pollution created during the transportation and refining of their products.
- B. For oil and gas companies, Scope 3 is the most important category as it tracks emissions from fuel combustion, specifically by their large industrial clients.
- C. The significance of the Scope 3 category to fossil fuel firms is the reason that emissions are generated from the end-use combustion of their products.
- D. The category of Scope 3 emissions includes pollution from the final burning of their products, so it is considered the most significant for fossil fuel firms.

Question 17 [1098809]: The word **negating** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. invalidating
- B. avoiding
- C. reducing
- D. questioning

Question 18 [1098810]: The word **their** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. researchers
- B. analysis
- C. companies
- D. guidelines

Question 19 [1098811]: What is noted about the scale of pollution from a fuel company's consumed products?

- A. Its significant but steadily decreasing impact on the company's overall emissions.
- B. Its potential to constitute the vast majority of the firm's total pollution.
- C. Its specific mention within recent UN guidelines on corporate greenwashing.
- D. Its central focus in the national net-zero targets reviewed by *Science*.

Question 20 [1098812]: What is the stated purpose of establishing immediate goals for emission reduction?

- A. To align corporate pledges with the stringent new guidelines issued by the UN.
- B. To address the pervasive and widespread failure to account for Scope 3 emissions.
- C. To bridge the credibility gap between corporate rhetoric and the reality of action.
- D. To enforce responsibility and deter any delays in taking concrete climate action.

Question 21 [1098813]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. For a typical fossil fuel company, the vast majority of its carbon footprint comes from emissions generated by the final consumption of its products.
- B. The fossil fuel firms analyzed in the report have demonstrated no genuine intention of transitioning their core business models away from resource extraction.
- C. The failure of corporate net-zero pledges can be partly attributed to the ambiguous and unenforceable nature of the guidelines issued by the United Nations.
- D. The gap between stated net-zero ambitions and credible implementation plans is a pervasive issue found at both the corporate and national levels.

Question 22 [1098814]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Ignoring this principal emission source is a critical, fatal flaw.

- A. [IV]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [I]

Question 23 [1098815]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. A recent analysis concludes fossil fuel firms' net-zero pledges are insubstantial, citing flaws like excluding product emissions and no plans to reduce extraction, a credibility issue also seen in many national commitments.
- B. The poor net-zero pledges from fossil fuel firms, which ignore key emissions and fail to curb extraction, have set a negative precedent that contributes to the similarly unachievable climate targets adopted by national governments.
- C. The net-zero pledges of many fossil fuel firms are deemed ineffective for failing to meet UN guidelines, a problem of insufficient planning that is also reflected in the thousands of inadequate targets set by other global entities.
- D. The disconnect between the net-zero rhetoric of corporations and their actual plans, which omit key emissions, implies these public commitments may be doing more harm than good for the cause of genuine decarbonization.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 24 to 28.

Question 24 [1098816]:

- a. Tony: Definitely! Let's go together and bring some snacks!
- b. Jame: Yeah, I'm planning to! What about you?
- c. Tony: Hey, are you going to Sarah's party tonight?

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

Question 25 [1098817]:

- a. Mai: Now, click 'Get' next to the 'I-Speak' icon and wait until the download is complete.
 b. Mai: Of course. First, go to the App Store on your phone. Second, type 'I-Speak' in the search box at the top of the screen, then click the 'Search' button.
 c. Tam: Mai, can you show me how to install the app I-Speak on my smartphone? I want to practice my English-speaking skills.
 d. Tam: Let me try. OK, I see the search results. What do I do next?

(From Global Success)

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

Question 26 [1098818]:

Dear Ms. Johnson,

- a. Thank you for always supporting me and making me do my best.
 b. Finally, I want to thank you for having made me spend many hours redoing my homework. I learned a lot, and my assignments now get really good grades because of it.
 c. How are you doing? It's been a long time since I last talked to you. I am writing to tell you that I really appreciate having had you as a teacher in high school. You showed me lots of love and helped me become a better person.
 d. I also appreciate your lessons on time management. Last semester I completed all my assignments! And thank you for having given me many great lessons about relationship building.
 e. I love having learned emotion management skills in your class. I was so stressed when I started living alone. Thanks to the skills you taught me, I was able to stay calm and control my feelings better.

Sincerely,

Patricia Harris

(Adapted from I Learn Smart World)

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

Question 27 [1098819]:

Here are a few things that teenagers can do today to become more independent.

- a. Finally, independent people plan for their futures. They plan and have a goal that they are trying to achieve. They often do things that move them toward their goals.
 b. Teenagers should keep an open mind by acting on new opportunities and seeing things differently than they did in the past. They often take advantage of situations that arise which may help them develop.
 c. First, they develop good habits that help them become more independent and self-confident. Forming positive habits helps them immensely in the future.
 d. Independent people are not easily swayed. They listen to the ideas of others, but they make their own decisions that benefit them.
 e. In summary, becoming independent is a bit scary. But teenagers must do new things in order to grow and achieve their goals.

(Adapted from Discovery)

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

Question 28 [1098820]:

- a. On the positive side, it creates more job opportunities as industries and businesses thrive in urban areas, leading to economic growth.
- b. Moreover, the rapid expansion of cities often results in the loss of natural habitats and increased living costs, making it difficult for some people to adapt.
- c. Cities also provide better access to education, healthcare, and entertainment facilities, improving people's quality of life.
- d. Urbanization has brought both advantages and disadvantages to society.
- e. However, urbanization also causes significant challenges, such as overcrowding, which can strain infrastructure and resources, leading to traffic congestion and pollution.

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

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

Just Ask: Ciara-Beth's Journey from Idea to Impact

Ciara-Beth always felt different, and at 14, she found out why — she was diagnosed with high-functioning autism. While many feared rejection, she believed asking was better than wondering, a mindset that would soon come in handy. She was determined to help (29) _____ like herself, especially with one issue they commonly faced: making eye contact. When she (30) _____ to build an app to support autistic children, she didn't know how to code or even own a computer. Most people around her doubted her, including some (31) _____ she had hoped would help. Still, she believed passion could be stronger than limitations. Her belief in persistence was the direct opposite of what (32) _____ statistics said about autistic individuals. She has worked tirelessly on her project since the day she received her first "yes." That breakthrough gave her the (33) _____ to learn coding and improve the app herself. Today, her app MiContact is preparing for launch, (34) _____ that bold ideas begin when someone dares to ask.

(Adapted from [https://assembly.alala.org./](https://assembly.alala.org/))

- Question 29 [1098821]:** A. mostly B. much C. others D. another
- Question 30 [1098822]:** A. turn out B. take out C. come out D. set out
- Question 31 [1098823]:** A. whom B. whose C. which D. when
- Question 32 [1098824]:** A. unemployed B. employment C. employ D. employable
- Question 33 [1098825]:** A. moment B. movement C. momentum D. mobility
- Question 34 [1098826]:** A. proving B. proved C. be proved D. to prove

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 35 to 40.

Building a Carpool Culture at Work

Small shifts, big impact

Promoting carpooling in the workplace can begin with just (35) _____ committed individuals. Even (36) _____ participation can reduce traffic, cut emissions, and lead to noticeable savings for employees. Irrespective of job title or department, everyone stands to benefit from a more efficient and (37) _____.

Making the commute work for everyone

When planned well, carpooling can transform long, solitary commutes into something far more bearable. (38) _____ employees team up to ride to work, they often pick up on new routines and perspectives that enhance their daily experience. Over time, participation tends to catch on, especially when early adopters speak positively and the word gets (39) _____. Building this momentum takes time, but with the right structure and encouragement, carpooling will pay (40) _____.

(Adapted from Carpool.com)

Question 35 [1098827]: A. a few B. a little C. few D. little

Question 36 [1098828]: A. inedible B. compact C. modest D. hectic

Question 37 [1098829]: A. commuting eco-conscious model
B. eco-conscious commuting model
C. model commuting eco-conscious
D. eco-conscious model commuting

Question 38 [1098830]: A. If B. Before C. As D. Hence

Question 39 [1098831]: A. aside B. away C. aback D. around

Question 40 [1098832]: A. colors B. dividends C. grindstones D. bargains

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

(1) _____. The stark warning comes less than two weeks after a Senate Commerce Committee hearing discussed the increasing likelihood of China beating the U.S. in a race to return humans to the moon. During these talks, former NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine told senators that "it is highly unlikely the United States will beat China's projected timeline," (2) _____.

The new report, titled "Redshift," was published on Tuesday (Sept. 16) by the Commercial Space Federation — an advocacy group that supports investment in the U.S. commercial space industry — and it details how China's space infrastructure and capability of exploring the solar system have rapidly grown over the last decade, and (3) _____.

"(4) _____. China's space ascendancy — propelled by disciplined policy, strategic investment, and sweeping technological gains — has fundamentally redrawn the domain in which global power is contested, researchers wrote in the report."

One of the most worrying issues raised by the new report for the U.S. is the possibility that China will be the first nation to return humans to the moon, for the first time since 1972. While NASA's Artemis missions have been repeatedly delayed, partly (5) _____, China has continued to hit "major milestones" on its plan to land astronauts by 2030.

(Adapted from Live Science)

Question 1 [1099128]:

- A. The next five to ten years warn of China's rapid rise in the space sector and a possible U.S. loss of leadership
- B. Possibly, China will warn of a rapid rise in the space sector and a U.S. loss of leadership within the next five to ten years
- C. A possible U.S. loss of leadership, the new report warned of China's rapid rise in the space sector within the next five to ten years
- D. A new report warns of China's rapid rise in the space sector and a possible U.S. loss of leadership within the next five to ten years

Question 2 [1099129]:

- A. in case the unprecedented reductions in NASA's funding are not restored
- B. unless the recent record-breaking cuts to NASA's budget are reversed
- C. as though the recent drastic budget cuts at NASA are rolled back
- D. seeing that the latest historic slashes to NASA's budget are undone

Question 3 [1099130]:

- A. to indicate that its improvements are decelerating
- B. its improvements show no signs of slowing down
- C. what remains unabated its improvements are
- D. as soon as its progress exhibits no signs of deceleration

Question 4 [1099131]:

- A. China is not only racing to catch up — it is setting pace, deregulating, and, at times, redefining what leadership looks like on and above Earth
- B. The United States is not only trying to keep pace — it is adjusting its policies and, at times, observing China's maneuvers in the changing space arena
- C. International observers are not only keeping an eye on China's advances — they are raising alarms, and, at times, mapping out potential global impacts
- D. Private space firms are not only growing quickly — they are testing innovative launch technologies, and, at times, re-evaluating their strategic plans

Question 5 [1099132]:

- A. due to recent issues with SpaceX's temperamental Starship rocket
- B. the issues that have emerged with SpaceX's unpredictable Starship rocket
- C. regardless of the recent problems with SpaceX's temperamental Starship rocket
- D. the problems caused by SpaceX's unpredictable Starship rocket are recent

Read the following passage 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 6 to 13.

Human trafficking stands as a pervasive and pernicious contemporary scourge, a flagrant affront to fundamental human dignity and rights. **Far from being a relic of the past, this clandestine industry has metastasized into a multi-billion-dollar global enterprise, rivaling the drug and arms trade in its scope.** It constitutes the acquisition of people by improper means such as force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of exploitation. The victims, often the most vulnerable segments of society—those fleeing conflict, poverty, or systemic discrimination—are entrapped in a cycle of servitude. The sheer ubiquity of the phenomenon, spanning from forced labor in sweatshops and agricultural sectors to sexual exploitation and forced criminality, underscores the complexity and the chilling pervasiveness of this modern-day slavery.

The mechanisms employed by traffickers are disturbingly sophisticated and often **prey on** the victim's desperation or naivety. Grooming and psychological manipulation are frequently deployed before physical force, creating a facade of opportunity—a high-paying job, a chance at a better life—that rapidly dissolves into an untenable reality of coercion. Once entrapped, victims face rigorous control methods. These can include debt bondage, where **exorbitant** fees for transportation or 'services' are impossible to repay, and the confiscation of identity documents, rendering the individual undocumented and fearful of seeking external aid.

The aftermath of trafficking is not merely physical; **it** leaves indelible psychological stigmata. Victims frequently suffer from complex PTSD, chronic health issues, and profound social isolation, making reintegration into mainstream society a daunting prospect. From a legal and judicial standpoint, prosecuting these cases presents a unique set of impediments. The cross-border nature of the crime, the difficulty in obtaining unimpeachable victim testimony (often compromised by trauma or fear of reprisal), and the corruption that can permeate enforcement agencies collectively contribute to an alarmingly low conviction rate.

Therefore, a cohesive and resolute global response is imperative to dismantle this illicit network. International protocols, such as the UN's Palermo Protocol, provide a crucial framework for cooperation, but their effective implementation remains variable. This inconsistency highlights the need for future strategies that focus on addressing the root causes, such as economic disparity, lack of educational opportunities, and political instability. Furthermore, technological innovation, including the use of blockchain to verify supply chains and the deployment of AI to track online recruitment, offers nascent but promising avenues for disrupting the traffickers' operational fluidity.

(Adapted from The Guardian)

Question 6 [1099133]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in the passage regarding the challenges faced by victims of trafficking?

- A. profound social isolation
- B. chronic health problems
- C. prolonged joblessness
- D. complex PTSD

Question 7 [1099134]: The word **exorbitant** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. reasonable
- B. outrageous
- C. extortionate
- D. astronomical

Question 8 [1099135]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. Far from declining, this covert trade has ballooned into a global enterprise worth millions, standing on the same scale as international drug and weapons trafficking.
- B. Contrary to the belief that it belongs to the past, this secretive industry has exploded in size, becoming a multi-billion-dollar global network linked with the drug and arms markets.
- C. Instead of diminishing over time, this underground sector has expanded dramatically, evolving into a global business worth billions and matching the scale of drug and arms trafficking.
- D. Far from being outdated, this legal industry has grown into a worldwide enterprise generating billions, placing it on par with the global drug and weapons trades.

Question 9 [1099136]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Human trafficking is a minor, declining issue, causing negligible disruption to human dignity.
- B. Victims are deceived with false promises such as high-paying jobs or a better life.
- C. Victims of human trafficking usually come from stable, well-protected communities.
- D. Blockchain unequivocally eradicates trafficking, leaving no room for operational adaptability.

Question 10 [1099137]: The phrase "**prey on**" in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. exploit a weakness
- B. give comfort to
- C. share belongings with
- D. protect from danger

Question 11 [1099138]: The word **it** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the cross-border nature
- B. the aftermath of trafficking
- C. a daunting prospect
- D. a judicial standpoint

Question 12 [1099139]: Which paragraph points out that the implementation of global agreements is inconsistent?

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

Question 13 [1099140]: Which paragraph refers to the difficulty in obtaining reliable victim testimony?

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

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 14 to 18.

Question 14 [1099141]:

- a. In Brazil, 65% of the waste was disposed of on land, while only 10% was discharged into water sources and the rest into the air.
- b. Between 2010 and 2015, Germany emitted 45% of its waste through incineration, the highest among the four countries, and only 20% ended up in landfills.
- c. The given pie charts illustrate the percentage breakdown of three different energy sources used for heating purposes in four countries, namely Canada, Germany, Brazil, and Thailand, over the period from 2010 to 2015.
- d. Similarly, Kenya had a comparable pattern, with 70% of its waste being dumped on land and very little being released into water or air.
- e. Overall, it is obvious that Brazil and Kenya released most of their waste into landfills, while Germany and Japan relied more heavily on incineration and other advanced methods, resulting in less waste going into the environment.

(Adapted from OECD)

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

Question 15 [1099142]:

Dear Huyen,

- a. The competition will be held next Saturday in the school hall with activities such as poster design, storytelling, and knowledge quizzes.
- b. Prizes, certificates, and books will be given to the best groups.
- c. Participants must work in teams to create engaging content that reflects their lifelong dedication.
- d. Tom and I have just finished planning a meaningful contest about the great contributions of President Ho Chi Minh.
- e. For more details, please contact me at 0987 654 321 or email me at nam.events@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Tuan

(Adapted from VOA English)

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

Question 16 [1099143]:

- a. John: Lisa, I've been trying to get into better shape. Do you want to exercise with me?
- b. Lisa: Sounds fun! I could use a good workout to start my day.
- c. John: Awesome! Let's meet at 6 AM tomorrow.
- d. Lisa: That's a great idea, John! What kind of exercise are you thinking of?
- e. John: Maybe we can go for a run in the park every morning.

(Adapted from BBC)

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

Question 17 [1099144]:

- a. Unlike other mobile phones at the time, the iPhone combined a touchscreen interface with internet connectivity, music, and apps, changing the way people interacted with technology.
- b. The revolution of the iPhone began in 2007 when Apple introduced its first smartphone to the world.
- c. Today, the revolution of the iPhone is still ongoing, as each new model pushes the limits of what smartphones can do, making the iPhone a symbol of innovation and lifestyle worldwide.
- d. Over the years, the revolution of the iPhone continued with the launch of new features such as Face ID, wireless charging, and advanced cameras, influencing not only the smartphone market but also industries like photography, gaming, and online shopping.
- e. This innovation eliminated the need for physical keyboards and introduced a sleek, minimalist design that quickly became iconic.

(Adapted from The Tuffs Daily)

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

Question 18 [1099145]:

- a. Jenny: For sure! If we keep this up, we could challenge for the top!
- b. Jenny: Did you watch the last United game? It was wild, especially with Chelsea scoring early.
- c. Emma: Yeah, but the comeback was sick! Fernandes was on fire, and Rashford's goal was awesome.

(Adapted from British Listening Council)

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

Read the following passage 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 19 to 28.

The looming threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) poses a significant challenge to global health, yet its portrayal as merely a consequence of antibiotic profligacy masks a deeper, systemic crisis - gross inequities in access to essential medicines. In low-income nations, individuals die from entirely preventable bacterial infections, not solely due to microbial evolution, but because of fundamentally inadequate healthcare infrastructure.

[I] Meanwhile, in their wealthier counterparts, drug-resistant pathogens proliferate due to indiscriminate antibiotic use, creating a paradox in which both overuse and underuse of antibiotics drive the crisis. The failure to address these disparities has led to a worsening global health emergency, one that carries severe humanitarian and economic consequences.

[II] Another critical factor exacerbating AMR is the stagnation of antibiotic innovation, a direct consequence of perverse economic incentives. Unlike medications for chronic diseases, which provide sustained revenue streams, antibiotics are short-course treatments, making them commercially unattractive to pharmaceutical companies. Research into new antibiotics is further hindered by high development costs, stringent regulatory hurdles, and high failure rates in clinical trials. As a result, the pipeline for novel antibiotics has nearly dried up, leaving humanity at a severe disadvantage in the ongoing evolutionary battle against pathogens. Without urgent intervention, infections that were once easily treatable could again become leading causes of mortality, undoing decades of medical progress.

Combating AMR demands a comprehensive, multipronged approach that extends beyond conventional antimicrobial stewardship. Strengthening sanitation infrastructure, expanding vaccination programs, and deploying advanced diagnostic tools are essential to reducing the need for antibiotics in the first place. Public-private partnerships, such as the Shionogi-GARDP alliance, play a pivotal role in addressing market failures, ensuring that lifesaving antibiotics continue to be developed and distributed equitably. However, many policymakers pay lip service to AMR, acknowledging its gravity while failing to commit the necessary financial and structural resources to enact meaningful reforms. **[III]**

Despite its complexity, AMR presents an opportunity for unprecedented global cooperation, mirroring the growing urgency surrounding climate change. [IV] Scientific breakthroughs alone will not suffice; addressing AMR requires behavioral and systemic transformations on a global scale. The challenge is to galvanize policymakers, healthcare providers, and the public to recognize AMR as an immediate and existential threat, rather than an abstract policy issue. **Without decisive action, the world risks entering a post-antibiotic era, where routine infections could again become life-threatening, reversing a century of medical advancements.** The question remains: will global leaders act now, or will they allow preventable crises to spiral beyond control?

(Adapted from The New York Times)

Question 19 [1099146]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

“In many cases, funding for AMR-related programs is either insufficient or inconsistently allocated, leading to fragmented efforts incapable of delivering sustainable progress.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 20 [1099147]: The phrase **pay lip service to** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. discuss a problem extensively without exaggerating its severity
- B. acknowledge the importance of something while neglecting real action
- C. show commitment to an issue but fail to communicate it effectively
- D. make empty promises but eventually follow through

Question 21 [1099148]: According to paragraph 3, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a necessary measure to combat antimicrobial resistance?

- A. expanding vaccination programs
- B. encouraging collaboration between the private and public sectors
- C. enhancing sanitation infrastructure
- D. strengthening global trade policies

Question 22 [1099149]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Drug manufacturers are putting significant resources into developing new antibiotics to tackle the rise of antimicrobial resistance and maintain a steady flow of effective medications.
- B. The decline in antibiotic innovation is largely driven by economic disincentives, high research costs, regulatory challenges, and high failure rates in trials, leaving humanity vulnerable to antimicrobial resistance.
- C. The heavy use of antibiotics for long-term conditions has worsened AMR significantly, requiring global policy tightening and the adoption of substitute treatments.
- D. In response to the AMR crisis, governments and health organizations have introduced policies that streamline drug approval processes and increase financial support for antibiotic development.

Question 23 [1099150]: What is highlighted as a critical function of the Shionogi-GARDP alliance?

- A. The acquisition of financial grants solely from government organizations for research
- B. The exclusive development of life-saving antibiotics for private markets
- C. The equitable distribution and continued development of essential antibiotics
- D. The reduction of market regulations to encourage independent pharmaceutical growth

Question 24 [1099151]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Seldom has the world been so close to a post-antibiotic era, in which once-treatable infections may resurge, though alternative medical breakthroughs will likely counteract their impact.
- B. Without swift action, the world approaches a time when antibiotics lose effectiveness, turning once-harmless infections lethal again and endangering decades of medical advancements.
- C. On no account should the threat of antibiotic resistance be exaggerated, for while routine infections may rise, modern medicine will find new ways to maintain its life-saving capabilities.
- D. Without urgent intervention, humanity is nearing an age where antibiotics fail, making severe infections more difficult to manage and threatening to undo a century of medical progress.

Question 25 [1099152]: According to paragraph 4, the urgency to tackle antimicrobial resistance stems from _____.

- A. the development of new antibiotics that can fully counteract drug-resistant bacteria
- B. the availability of public-private partnerships such as the Shionogi-GARDP alliance
- C. the environmental factors that contribute more heavily to AMR than healthcare practices
- D. uncertainty about whether global leaders will take timely action to prevent worsening crises

Question 26 [1099153]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. If AMR continues to be treated as a distant or abstract issue, rather than as an urgent global threat, meaningful action from key stakeholders is unlikely to occur.
- B. AMR is considered solely a scientific and clinical matter, meaning political involvement is unnecessary because scientific and technological progress will solve it.
- C. In low-income nations, individuals tragically die from bacterial infections that are inherently impossible to prevent, despite the presence of robust healthcare infrastructure.
- D. Leaders around the world have implemented strong measures to manage AMR, guaranteeing that antibiotic resistance will not pose a significant global health danger later on.

Question 27 [1099154]: The word **counterparts** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. essential medicines
- B. individuals
- C. preventable bacterial infections
- D. nations

Question 28 [1099155]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. AMR represents a complicated global challenge, fueled both by antibiotic overuse in some parts of the world and by inadequate availability of necessary medications in others. It is intensified by a slowdown in new antibiotic research, largely caused by poor economic incentives and regulatory hurdles.
- B. Antimicrobial resistance is driven by both excessive antibiotic use in wealthy nations and insufficient access in poorer regions, while innovation declines due to many barriers, necessitating global collaboration and immediate action to avert negative consequences and a catastrophic reversal of medical progress.
- C. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is primarily a consequence of excessive antibiotic use in high-income countries, which has led to the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens that now threaten global health. Addressing AMR requires stricter regulations on antibiotic prescriptions to curb unnecessary usage.
- D. The best strategy for addressing AMR is to prioritize stewardship programs that limit antibiotic use, since lowering consumption will slow resistance. Other issues—like economic obstacles to innovation or uneven healthcare infrastructure—are of lesser importance.

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

How to Learn from Older Generations

Why It Matters

Older generations, (29) _____ have experienced life's ups and downs, offer a treasure trove of knowledge. From historical insights to practical skills, their stories can open your mind to new perspectives. In today's fast-paced world, (30) _____ time to learn from them builds empathy, respect, and deeper connections. In addition, it helps preserve traditions and values that might otherwise (31) _____.

4 Practical Ways to Learn

- Have regular conversations: Set aside time each week to chat. You'll be surprised by the life lessons (32) _____ in casual talks.
- Ask for advice: Whether it's about relationships or careers, asking for their opinion shows respect and might give you a (33) _____ solution.
- Join intergenerational events: These create a space where experiences are shared and friendships are formed.
- Record their stories: Use a phone or notebook to capture anecdotes and lessons. A few minutes of listening can lead to a lifetime of (34) _____.

(Adapted from Medium)

- Question 29 [1099156]: A. whose B. whom C. who D. where
 Question 30 [1099157]: A. doing B. spending C. making D. taking
 Question 31 [1099158]: A. put on B. fade away C. fill out D. bulk up
 Question 32 [1099159]: A. hides B. hiding C. hidden D. to be hiding
 Question 33 [1099160]: A. crude B. fresh C. rough D. raw
 Question 34 [1099161]: A. wisdom B. wisely C. unwise D. wise

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 35 to 40.

● Earth Hour: A Global Symbol of Environmental Unity

Earth Hour is a global movement started by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in 2007. It encourages people around the world to turn off their lights for one hour to show their support (35) _____ protecting the planet. The event takes place every year on the last Saturday of March. Earth Hour is not just about saving electricity; it is a way to (36) _____ everyone about the importance of taking care of the environment.

This campaign aims to raise awareness about climate change, pollution, (37) _____ the loss of natural habitats. By switching off lights, people can reflect on how small actions can make a (38) _____ of difference for the planet. (39) _____ famous landmarks, like the Eiffel Tower and Sydney Opera House, also participate in Earth Hour by going dark for 60 minutes. It is a powerful symbol of global unity in the fight against environmental issues.

Over the years, Earth Hour has grown into more than just an hour of action. It has inspired (40) _____ to protect forests, oceans, and wildlife. The movement shows how important it is for individuals, communities, and governments to work together to protect the planet for future generations.

(Adapted from *The Guardian*)

- Question 35 [1099162]: A. for B. from C. off D. to
 Question 36 [1099163]: A. evoke B. erase C. remind D. foster
 Question 37 [1099164]: A. as if B. and C. nor D. while
 Question 38 [1099165]: A. splash B. tide C. point D. world
 Question 39 [1099166]: A. Lots B. Many C. Almost D. Each
 Question 40 [1099167]: A. environmental projects meaningful
 B. projects environmental meaningful
 C. meaningful projects environmental
 D. meaningful environmental projects

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The recent phenomenon of large-scale "immersive" art exhibitions, which turns static paintings into digital spectacles, involves several key components. These include the projection of high-resolution images onto massive surfaces, the synchronization of these visuals with complex musical scores, an engineering feat that often requires specialized venues, and (1) _____, forming a sensory experience designed to evoke an emotional response.

While these spectacles have democratized art for a mass audience, making masterpieces accessible to those who might never visit a traditional museum, they also face significant criticism from art purists, (2) _____. The argument is that these shows reduce profound works of art to mere "content."

The core of the debate is not about the technology itself, but about its purpose. (3) _____. A viewer might leave a digital Van Gogh exhibit feeling moved, but possess no deeper understanding of his technique, his influences, or the turbulent life that informed his work.

The financial success of these exhibitions, however, is undeniable. (4) _____. As long as these events continue to generate massive profits and draw huge crowds, they will remain a significant part of the cultural landscape, forcing traditional institutions to reconsider their own engagement strategies.

The true value of these immersive shows, a question that splits the art world, is as much a testament to their capacity to act as a gateway to deeper learning, which is the most optimistic defense of their existence, as it is (5) _____ that traditional museums often struggle to attract.

(Adapted from *The Guardian*)

Question 1 [1099183]:

- A. the audience's creation of an enveloping soundscape that immerses them
- B. the audience's immersion in soundscapes is an enveloping creation
- C. the creation of immersive soundscapes that envelop the audience
- D. the immersion of the audience envelops the soundscape's creators

Question 2 [1099184]:

- A. on the grounds that they prioritize sensory overload above genuine art-historical context
- B. in the event that their priority is genuinely contextualizing the sensory overload of art history
- C. except for the fact that a sensory overload is the genuine context for art-historical prioritization
- D. even though the genuineness of art-historical context is prioritized above sensory overload

Question 3 [1099185]:

- A. Engaging with gallery traditions and senses is argued as a substitution for scholarship by proponents
- B. It is argued that traditional gallery proponents substitute sensory experiences for scholarly engagement
- C. The argument is that traditional galleries don't engage scholars as a substitute for a sensory experience
- D. A sensory experience, traditional galleries' proponents argue, is not a substitute for scholarly engagement

Question 4 [1099186]:

- A. The pouring of capital by municipal governments and private investors is now developing more "edutainment" venues.
- B. Municipal governments and private investors alike are now pouring capital into developing more of these "edutainment" venues.
- C. The pouring of more "edutainment" venues is now capitalized by the development of municipal governments and private investors.
- D. The capitalization of more "edutainment" venues is now a development for municipal governments and private investors alike.

Question 5 [1099187]:

- A. a younger, non-traditional audience's engaging proof of their ability
- B. to prove their ability in engaging a younger, non-traditional audience
- C. their ability to prove the engagement of a younger, non-traditional audience
- D. to their proven ability to engage a younger, non-traditional audience

Read the 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.

The recent history of digital journalism is littered with the remnants of the "pivot to video." The term itself describes a disastrous period, beginning roughly in 2015, when scores of online publications abruptly fired their text-based editorial staff. These

experienced writers were replaced en masse by video production teams, acting on a unified, panicked belief that the audience had permanently abandoned the written word in favor of moving images.

The premise, sold aggressively by major social media platforms, was that video content was the exclusive future of engagement and, crucially, of advertising revenue. Data supplied by these platforms suggested an insatiable public appetite for short-form video. News organizations, already desperate for a viable economic model in a **hostile** digital environment, capitulated. They eviscerated their own newsrooms, leading to a massive exodus of journalists and editors from the industry.

The promised audience engagement, however, proved to be largely illusory. The metrics provided by the platforms, which had driven the entire industry-wide panic, were later found to be grossly inflated. Audiences, it turned out, were not rejecting text; they were often just scrolling past the auto-playing videos that platforms were pushing into **their** feeds. The journalistic output changed precipitously. In-depth, nuanced articles were supplanted by a deluge of superficial, 60-second clips, often consisting of little more than stock footage and large-font text captions.

By the time the promised advertising revenue failed to materialize—as the platforms themselves absorbed the vast majority of the profits—the damage was irreversible. Many publications that had staked their existence on this strategy had already folded. Others were left as hollowed-out versions of their former selves, having traded their core product and journalistic identity for a format that neither their audience truly wanted nor their advertisers fully supported. The episode remains a stark case study in the media's **ruinous** dependency on the unreliable data and commercial priorities of external tech platforms.

(Adapted from *Reuters*)

Question 6 [1099188]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The notion that video content was the sole path forward for user interaction and, critically, for advertising profits, was a concept pushed hard by major social media firms.
- B. The premise pushed hard by social media firms was that video content was the future of user interaction, which would then create the crucial advertising profits.
- C. Pushed aggressively by social media firms, the sentiment was that video content was the exclusive future of user interaction, while also being a crucial source of ad revenue.
- D. It was the conclusion by major social media platforms that video content was the sole future for user interaction and, importantly, for advertising profits.

Question 7 [1099189]: The word **hostile** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. supportive
- B. competitive
- C. unpredictable
- D. private

Question 8 [1099190]: The word **their** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. platforms B. audiences C. feeds D. videos

Question 9 [1099191]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a feature of the video content that replaced in-depth articles?

- A. Superficial clips B. Stock footage
C. Large-font text captions D. Celebrity interviews

Question 10 [1099192]: The word **ruinous** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. devastating B. excessive C. unfortunate D. avoidable

Question 11 [1099193]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. News organizations dismissed writing staff after discovering that certain audience analytics for video were significantly overstated.
B. A widespread move to video content was an industry strategy intended to reclaim advertising profits from large tech platforms.
C. A shift to video content prompted an industry-wide consensus among publications to distrust data from external tech platforms.
D. Media organizations experienced a large-scale departure of journalists and editors after yielding to a widespread push for video content.

Question 12 [1099194]: Which paragraph mentions that the viewership statistics used to justify the change were found to be misleading?

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

Question 13 [1099195]: Which paragraph mentions that the expected advertising money failed to reach the news organizations?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

For communities dwelling on the peripheries of protected forests in India, the conflict between humans and elephants is an enduring and precarious struggle. These communities exist on the front lines of a conservation dilemma, where the annual incursion of elephant herds into rice paddies can decimate a family's entire sustenance in a single night, forcing them into debt. [I] Yet, many farmers maintain a remarkably nuanced perspective. "We have taken **their** land and they are just returning for their food," conceded Bunita Brahma, a farmer in Assam. Her statement reveals a deep understanding of the ecological pressures driving the conflict, even as she bears the economic repercussions.

The genesis of the conflict is rooted in the extensive fragmentation of the elephants' natural habitats. As India's population has burgeoned, infrastructure projects have

bisected ancient migratory corridors. [II] Deprived of their traditional roaming areas and food sources, the large herds are **inexorably** guided into agricultural landscapes, which represent a concentrated and easily accessible source of calories. These forays are not malevolent acts but desperate quests for survival, leading to unavoidable and often tragic collisions with human populations.

Conservationists invariably find themselves in an unenviable position, tasked with arbitrating between the needs of an endangered species and the legitimate grievances of the local villagers. The challenge requires a twofold approach, addressing both ecological and socioeconomic factors. "A hungry person is an angry person. If you don't address the human part of the problem, the conservation part will fail," explained Varun Goswami of the Wildlife Conservation Society. [III] His assessment highlights the futility of conservation efforts that fail to account for the fundamental economic needs of the human population.

The search for a tenable coexistence is therefore an urgent imperative in the region. Various mitigation strategies are being implemented, including community-managed solar fences and early-warning systems to alert villagers of nearby herds. Efforts are also underway to rehabilitate and protect the remaining forest corridors to provide the animals with safe passage. [IV] The preeminent aspiration for communities on this volatile frontier is a future where farmers can tend their crops without fear, and the elephants can follow their ancestral paths unimpeded.

(Adapted from *Peer*)

Question 14 [1099196]: According to the passage, the viewpoint of many farmers facing the elephant conflict _____.

- A. arises from a conservation dilemma pitting their sustenance against the elephants' food
- B. shows an awareness of the animals' motives despite their own financial hardship
- C. is shown by Bunita Brahma, who believes elephants are returning for the food they are owed
- D. is often a call for assistance to mitigate the recurring economic repercussions

Question 15 [1099197]: The word **their** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. communities
- B. farmers
- C. families
- D. elephants

Question 16 [1099198]: What financial consequence do farmers face from the elephants' crop-raiding?

- A. The difficult task of arbitrating between human and animal needs.
- B. A nuanced perspective on the ecological pressures driving the conflict.
- C. The implementation of various community-managed early-warning systems.
- D. The potential for complete crop destruction and the incurrence of debt.

Question 17 [1099199]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Deprived of their traditional food sources by human infrastructure, elephant herds have intelligently adapted by targeting agricultural landscapes, which offer a more concentrated and reliable source of high-calorie sustenance for them.
- B. The rapid growth of India's population is a driver of the conflict, necessitating new infrastructure that fragments elephant habitats and forces the large herds into agricultural areas for survival, resulting in frequent clashes.
- C. The source of the human-elephant conflict is the fragmentation of natural habitats caused by the construction of roads and railways, which bisect ancient migratory corridors and force the herds into populated agricultural areas.
- D. The conflict is rooted in the fragmentation of elephant habitats by human development, which severs migration corridors and forces the animals into agricultural lands in their search for food, leading to inevitable collisions.

Question 18 [1099200]: The word **inexorably** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. gradually
- B. relentlessly
- C. naturally
- D. destructively

Question 19 [1099201]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. The task of mediating between an endangered species' requirements and the valid complaints of local people consistently places conservationists in a difficult, undesirable situation.
- B. Conservationists always find themselves in a tough position, required to defend the needs of an endangered species against the legitimate claims made by the local villagers.
- C. Placed in a difficult position, conservationists must often arbitrate the local villagers' legitimate grievances that arise directly from the pressing needs of an endangered species.
- D. An unenviable position is the invariable result for conservationists, who must mediate between an endangered species' needs and the local villagers' various economic demands.

Question 20 [1099202]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a mitigation strategy being implemented to address the human-elephant conflict?

- A. Community-managed solar fences
- B. Early-warning systems
- C. Habitat fragmentation
- D. Protecting forest corridors

Question 21 [1099203]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Technological solutions such as solar fences and early-warning systems have proven to be a highly effective method for reducing human-elephant conflicts.
- B. The encroachment of elephant herds into agricultural areas is a rational behavioral adaptation to the loss of their traditional habitats and food sources.
- C. The empathetic viewpoint expressed by farmer Bunita Brahma is representative of the general attitude held by most farmers in the affected Indian regions.
- D. New infrastructure projects in the region are now being designed to help rehabilitate and protect the elephants' damaged ancient migratory corridors.

Question 22 [1099204]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

A herd's annual migration between seasonal feeding grounds is thus interrupted.

- A. [IV]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [I]

Question 23 [1099205]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The human-elephant conflict in India, caused by extensive habitat loss, highlights the failure of past conservation policies to protect either the endangered animals or the farmers, necessitating a more balanced approach to wildlife management.
- B. The conflict between elephants and farmers is understood by many locals as a result of habitat loss, and this nuanced perspective has helped lead to the implementation of community-managed solutions like solar fences to foster coexistence.
- C. The struggle between Indian farmers and elephants, caused by habitat fragmentation, requires a dual solution, with conservationists working closely with local governments to implement strategies like corridor protection to achieve coexistence.
- D. The conflict between Indian farmers and elephants, rooted in habitat fragmentation, is a complex dilemma demanding a twofold approach which addresses both human economic needs and ecological solutions to foster a safe coexistence.

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 24 to 28.

Question 24 [1099206]:

- a. Jake: That sounds like a great idea! You could begin with some online tutorials and then maybe join a class.
- b. Sara: I've been thinking about taking up painting as a hobby, but I'm not sure where to start.
- c. Sara: I like that plan. I'll start looking for some beginner resources tonight!

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

Question 25 [1099207]:

- a. Anna: You should! I think you'll love the characters as much as the plot.
- b. Ben: I love a good mystery. I'll definitely check it out.
- c. Anna: I just finished reading a book that I think you'd really enjoy. It's a mystery with a surprising twist at the end.
- d. Anna: It's called "*The Silent Witness*". I couldn't put it down once I started.
- e. Ben: That sounds interesting! What's it called?

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

Question 26 [1099208]:

Dear Michael,

- a. To ensure everyone is fully aware of the changes, we will hold a training session on Monday, where all details will be covered.
- b. I would like to inform you about the new safety protocols that will be implemented starting next week to improve our workplace safety.
- c. Please make sure to attend so that we can work together to maintain a safe working environment.
- d. These updated protocols will include new emergency procedures and the installation of additional safety equipment in high-risk areas.
- e. It is essential that everyone attends this session to properly understand the new procedures.

Best regards,

Sarah Williams

Safety Manager

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

Question 27 [1099209]:

- a. These vibrant ecosystems support over 25% of all ocean species, providing food, shelter, and breeding grounds.
- b. Pollution and overfishing further exacerbate their decline, disrupting the delicate balance of marine life.
- c. Immediate global action, such as reducing carbon emissions and enforcing sustainable fishing practices, is essential to protect these irreplaceable habitats.
- d. However, rising ocean temperatures due to climate change are causing widespread coral bleaching, which weakens and often kills reefs.
- e. The preservation of coral reefs is critical for marine biodiversity.

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

Question 28 [1099210]:

- In contrast, the uniformity of e-books—where text appears on a single, scrollable screen—lacks such anchoring effects, making recall more challenging.
- Studies show that reading printed books enhances memory retention more effectively than reading digital texts, as the tactile experience of turning pages creates spatial markers in the brain.
- Additionally, the reduced screen glare and distractions of physical books allow for deeper focus, further boosting comprehension.
- Consequently, students who study from physical textbooks often outperform their peers using digital materials in long-term retention tests, highlighting how format choice directly impacts learning outcomes.
- These physical cues, like remembering a passage's location on a page, help the brain consolidate information more efficiently.

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

Read the following piece of news 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 29 to 34.

The Green Future Summit 2025: A Pivotal Moment for Conservation

The Green Future Summit 2025, a landmark event for environmental (29) _____, will take place from October 10th to 14th at Hanoi's National Convention Center. It brings together over 50 leading environmental organizations (30) _____ are passionately dedicated to pioneering sustainable solutions, alongside Vietnam's foremost conservation institutions.

Visitors will explore (31) _____ of innovative technologies and research, blending traditional wisdom with cutting-edge advancements. The event will feature live demonstrations and insightful discussions (32) _____ by renowned environmentalists and policymakers, offering deeper understanding of ecological challenges.

This (33) _____ gathering offers an unparalleled chance for investors and enthusiasts to discover emerging solutions and (34) _____ achieving actionable strategies for a greener future. Don't miss this incredible celebration of environmental stewardship!

For more information, visit <https://greenfuturesummit.org/>.

(Adapted from *Glue up*)

Question 29 [1099211]: A. protectively B. protect C. protectors D. protection

Question 30 [1099212]: A. what B. that C. whom D. whose

Question 31 [1099213]: A. range B. deal C. number D. plenty

Question 32 [1099214]: A. have hosted B. be hosting C. hosted D. hosting

Question 33 [1099215]: A. gracious B. auspicious C. mysterious D. audacious

Question 34 [1099216]: A. turn on B. work on C. pick on D. take on

Read the following text 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.

How to Build a Smarter Home

Creating a 'smart home' doesn't have to be complicated. You can start with a few simple devices to make your life more convenient. Smart lighting is a great first step, (35) _____ it allows you to control your lights with your voice or a mobile app.

A key principle is ensuring your devices can communicate. Before buying a new gadget, it's crucial to check if it is compatible (36) _____ your existing smart hub, like Alexa or Google Assistant. From there, you could install a (37) _____ to see who is at your door even when you are not home. Once you have a central hub, adding (38) _____ device is usually very simple.

The goal of this technology is to be truly helpful. Beyond simple automation, smart energy monitors can (39) _____ homeowners to their daily consumption patterns, highlighting opportunities to save energy.

Ultimately, while these technologies are complex, using it to your advantage isn't rocket (40) _____; therefore, it's time to build your own smart home.

(Adapted from CHOICE)

- Question 35** [1099217]: A. so B. but C. and D. or
- Question 36** [1099218]: A. for B. of C. to D. with
- Question 37** [1099219]: A. doorbell smart video B. smart video doorbell
C. video smart doorbell D. smart doorbell video
- Question 38** [1099220]: A. another B. other C. others D. the other
- Question 39** [1099221]: A. expose B. introduce C. orient D. attune
- Question 40** [1099222]: A. engineering B. system C. science D. technology

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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 1 to 6.

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(Adapted from <https://www.vietnam.vn>)

Question 1 [1099223]: A. study guide materials B. guide materials study
C. guide study materials D. materials guide study

Question 2 [1099224]: A. optimize B. to optimizing
C. to optimize D. optimizing

Question 3 [1099225]: A. for B. with C. of D. over

Question 4 [1099226]: A. empowered B. empower C. that empower D. empowering

Question 5 [1099227]: A. facilitator B. facilitates C. facilitation D. facilities

Question 6 [1099228]: A. taking B. doing C. talking D. making

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

THE ENIGMATIC WORLD OF ANTS

1. Intricate Social Hierarchy

Ants exhibit one of the most sophisticated social systems in the animal kingdom, (7) _____ of which can rival their level of organization. (8) _____ millions of years, they have evolved into highly efficient colonies with specialized roles, from foragers to soldiers.

2. Revolutionary Scientific Insights

Edward O. Wilson, a leading (9) _____ in the study of ants, has dramatically expanded our understanding of ant behavior. His groundbreaking research on eusociality has revolutionized our knowledge of collective intelligence and the intricate communication systems that govern ant colonies. During his career, Wilson has (10) _____ a wealth of information about how ants cooperate and solve complex problems, providing a model for understanding social dynamics in other species.

3. Incredible Physical Strength

Ants possess a(n) astonishing physical (11) _____, able to lift and carry objects up to 50 times their own body weight. This extraordinary feat of strength, combined with their unparalleled organizational skills, continues to intrigue scientists. While much has been discovered, there remains much to learn, and researchers are actively working to (12) _____ the precise biological mechanisms behind this incredible strength.

(Adapted from native speaker.vn)

Question 7 [1099229]: A. none B. all C. either D. neither

Question 8 [1099230]: A. In opposition to B. In comparison with
C. On the basis of D. Over the course of

Question 9 [1099231]: A. unit B. number C. digit D. figure

Question 10 [1099232]: A. fabricated B. overlooked C. unearthed D. distorted

Question 11 [1099233]: A. competence B. capability C. intelligence D. qualification

Question 12 [1099234]: A. tease out B. show off C. wind up D. turn over

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

Question 13 [1099235]:

- a. Hebrew: That's a big decision! Have you thought about what you'd like to do next?
- b. Lily: I'm thinking of switching careers because I feel like I've hit a dead end in my current job.
- c. Lily: I'm considering something in marketing because I love creativity and communication.

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

Question 14 [1099236]:

- a. Jack: Lisa, I've been trying to get into better shape. Do you want to exercise with me?
- b. Lisa: Sounds fun! I could use a good workout to start my day.
- c. Jack: Awesome! Let's meet at 6 AM tomorrow.
- d. Lisa: That's a great idea, Jack! What kind of exercise are you thinking of?
- e. Jack: Maybe we can go for a run in the park every morning.

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

Question 15 [1099237]:

Dear Claire,

- a. I think it's essential that we take a moment to reorganize our workflows and address any bottlenecks that may be hindering progress.
- b. A more streamlined approach would not only improve efficiency but also enhance our client satisfaction.
- c. While we've gained new clients, our internal processes are struggling to keep up with the increased demand.
- d. Perhaps a few internal workshops on time management and project planning could be helpful.
- e. It's been evident that the company's recent expansion has brought both opportunities and some unforeseen challenges.

Best regards,

Thomas

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

Question 16 [1099238]:

- a. Endangered languages represent invaluable cultural heritage, but nearly 40% of the world's languages face extinction.
- b. These languages carry unique traditions, oral histories, and knowledge systems that vanish when the language dies.
- c. Factors like globalization, urbanization, and the dominance of major languages often pressure communities to abandon their mother tongues.
- d. These initiatives aim to encourage younger generations to reconnect with their linguistic roots.
- e. Efforts to save endangered languages include documentation projects, language-learning apps, and revitalization programs in schools.

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

Question 17 [1099239]:

- a. Tourists increasingly preferred buses and bicycles, while the use of taxis steadily declined.
- b. Notably, the number of tourists choosing bus travel saw the most significant increase among the three options.
- c. The line chart illustrates the number of tourists using three different modes of transportation- bus, bicycle, and taxi - in a particular city from January to June 2022.
- d. Taxis remained fairly popular at that time, with just over 1,000 users. Over the following months, bus usage rose steadily, surpassing 2,000 by June, while bicycle use showed a moderate increase.
- e. In January, approximately 1,200 tourists used buses, compared to around 900 for bicycles.

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

Read the following passage about Vietnam 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.

Vietnam, leveraging its extensive coastline and favorable wind conditions, (18) _____. The country's wind farms, (19) _____, have significantly boosted its renewable energy capacity. As of 2023, wind power accounted for 6% of Vietnam's total installed power generation capacity and 3% of total power generation. This strategic shift aligns with global efforts to combat climate change and ensures energy security for the nation.

Positioned strategically to capture maximum wind power, (20) _____. In regions like Bình Thuận and Ninh Thuận, consistent wind patterns have made them ideal locations for wind farm development. (21) _____.

Despite the progress, challenges such as regulatory hurdles and the need for advanced grid infrastructure persist. Investments in modernizing the transmission network are crucial to accommodate the increasing share of wind energy. (22) _____. Looking ahead, Vietnam aims to expand its wind energy capacity further, with plans to develop offshore wind projects, enhancing the country's renewable energy output and contributing to global sustainability goals.

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

Question 18 [1099240]:

- A. of which the development of the wind energy sector aims to enhance sustainability, attract funds, and reduce fossil reliance
- B. having been scaling up wind energy projects to boost sustainability, attract funding, and cut fossil fuel usage
- C. has been developing its wind energy sector to enhance sustainability, attract funds, and reduce fossil reliance
- D. that has been expanding its wind energy sector to boost sustainability, draw investment, and reduce fossil fuels

Question 19 [1099241]:

- A. constructs to boost energy efficiency, lower environmental harm, and sustain economic growth and electricity reliability
- B. to be designed to improve energy efficiency, cut environmental harm, and support a stable economy and power supply
- C. which purpose is to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental damage, and ensure economic and power stability
- D. engineered to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental harm, and ensure economic growth and reliable electricity

Question 20 [1099242]:

- A. wind turbines convert kinetic energy into electricity, cutting fossil fuel use and curbing environmental degradation
- B. conventional energy sources become less relied upon as wind turbines convert kinetic energy and curb environmental degradation
- C. kinetic energy powers wind turbines, which generate electricity, lessen reliance on fossil fuels, and curb environmental harm
- D. environmental damage declines as turbines convert kinetic energy into electricity and lessen fossil fuel dependence

Question 21 [1099243]:

- A. Harnessing wind energy, many tourists prefer visiting traditional fishing villages along the coast
- B. Many local residents benefit from tourism, offering homestay services to visitors
- C. While Vietnam's portfolio has supported economic growth and created jobs through wind energy, it has also expanded through unrelated infrastructure development
- D. As Vietnam incorporates wind energy into its power system, the country has broadened its energy portfolio and catalyzed growth through job creation and infrastructure development

Question 22 [1099244]:

- A. Strategic partnerships with global partners provide key expertise and funding to surmount these challenges effectively
- B. Key expertise and funding from global alliances hardly help tackle these challenges efficiently
- C. Collaborating with international partners, knowledge and financial support are not essential to successfully exaggerate these challenges
- D. Forming strategic alliances with worldwide partners limits access to crucial resources and expertise for overcoming these challenges

Read the following passage about urban sprawl and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

Urban sprawl, characterized by the unregulated and expansive growth of cities into adjacent rural territories, has emerged as a pressing concern in contemporary urbanization. With the global urban populace projected to increase by 2.5 billion by 2050 (UN, 2018), the **pernicious** effects of sprawl - ranging from environmental degradation to the erosion of agricultural landscapes - are intensifying. **While the phenomenon facilitates housing and commercial expansion, the deleterious consequences on ecological balance and infrastructure are undeniable, warranting urgent intervention.**

A salient issue stemming from urban sprawl is the encroachment upon arable land and the subsequent diminution of biodiversity. As urban areas infiltrate rural expanses, vast swaths of farmland and natural habitats are supplanted, resulting in fragmented ecosystems and depleted wildlife corridors. Data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service reveals a staggering 50% reduction in agricultural land in the U.S. between 1945 and 2007, largely attributed to suburban sprawl (NASS, 2007). **It** not only undermines food security but exacerbates environmental degradation, including augmented pollution and diminished resilience to climate change.

Moreover, urban sprawl perpetuates socio-economic disparities, **engendering** a spatially segregated urban fabric. The periphery often becomes a haven for economically marginalized populations, while wealthier enclaves remain concentrated in the urban core. Sociologist Neil Smith's notion of the "geography of exclusion" (Smith, 2002) encapsulates this phenomenon, highlighting the divisive nature of sprawling cities. Furthermore, the inefficiencies inherent in sprawling urban models, such as protracted commutes, inadequate public transport, and overburdened utilities, compound the challenges, amplifying both economic and social inequities.

To mitigate the adverse effects of sprawl, urban planning must prioritize more sustainable, compact city frameworks. Scholars like Edward Glaeser advocate for vertical urbanization, emphasizing the reduction of horizontal expansion in favor of denser, more efficient urban spaces (Glaeser, 2011). Implementing mixed-use zoning and integrating green infrastructure are pivotal strategies to counteract sprawl's ecological and societal ramifications, promoting a more harmonious urban-rural nexus.

(Adapted from The Conservation)

Question 23 [1099245]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in the passage as an effect of urban sprawl?

- A. The centralization of affluence within core metropolitan zones
- B. The deterioration of ecological systems and the obliteration of natural spaces
- C. The decline in agricultural land and disruption of food security
- D. The augmentation of transit networks in peripheral urban zones

Question 24 [1099246]: The word "**engendering**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. revealing
- B. precipitating
- C. alleviating
- D. mitigating

Question 25 [1099247]: The word "**pernicious**" in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. advantageous
- B. harmful
- C. damaging
- D. detrimental

Question 26 [1099248]: The word "**It**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Agricultural land
- B. Reduction
- C. NASS
- D. Suburban sprawl

Question 27 [1099249]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. Even though the growth pattern provides opportunities for residential and business development, the detrimental impacts on environmental stability and essential services are irrefutable, necessitating immediate remedial action.
- B. Although the process enables the proliferation of domiciles and retail spaces, the advantageous outcomes for natural equilibrium and foundational systems are palpable, suggesting delayed amelioration.
- C. Given that the development catalyzes residential and commercial contraction, the favorable impacts on natural poise and basic provisions are evident, obviating the need for prompt rectification.
- D. Despite the expansionary effects fostering dwelling and mercantile augmentation, the benign effects on environmental harmony and support structures are questionable, allowing for protracted measures.

Question 28 [1099250]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The expansion of urban zones into rural areas is primarily driven by meticulously planned, environmentally conscious strategies.
- B. Urban sprawl uniformly benefits all societal strata by providing equal access to resources and infrastructure.
- C. The steady growth of cities into neighboring countryside territories leads to a decrease in the variety of living organisms and a reduction in productive farming regions.
- D. The adoption of horizontal development models is essential for fostering sustainable and efficient urban environments.

Question 29 [1099251]: In which paragraph does the writer establish a causal relationship between urban sprawl and environmental degradation?

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

Question 30 [1099252]: In which paragraph does the writer discuss the socio-economic inequalities exacerbated by urban sprawl?

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

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

[I] The once-unwavering prestige of an M.B.A. from elite institutions is no longer a guarantee of immediate employment, as the white-collar job market contracts. **[II]** Harvard Business School, alongside other top-tier programs like Wharton and Stanford, has seen a noticeable decline in post-graduation job placement, with a growing number of alumni still searching for positions months after earning their degrees. **[III]** The job

market's unforgiving nature has left many graduates facing financial insecurity, compelling them to reevaluate the worth of their substantial educational investments amid uncertain career prospects. [IV]

The shift is particularly jarring for those seeking to pivot industries, as illustrated by Ronil Diyora, a University of Virginia Darden School graduate who has submitted over a thousand job applications with little success. His predicament underscores the intensifying challenges for international students, who often face an additional hurdle in securing visa sponsorship from U.S. employers hesitant to take on such commitments. Meanwhile, companies like Amazon, Google, and McKinsey have significantly scaled back their M.B.A. hiring, eliminating erstwhile pathways that once provided a seamless transition from academia to high-paying corporate roles. Even those who secure employment face unsettling delays, as evidenced by Yvette Anguiano's experience at EY-Parthenon, where her anticipated start date was postponed by nearly a year, leaving her in financial limbo.

To navigate these turbulent conditions, schools are bolstering their career support initiatives, implementing AI-driven résumé assessments and intensive job-search courses that emphasize networking and personal branding. Columbia Business School stands as an exception, managing to improve post-graduation employment outcomes, though its success is an outlier in an otherwise faltering market. Employers' reluctance to commit to early hiring has shifted the burden onto students, who must cultivate industry connections through professors, alumni, and unconventional channels rather than relying solely on formal recruitment cycles. Faced with this predicament, many graduates must choose **the lesser of two evils** - accepting lower-paying or less desirable roles to gain experience or enduring an extended, precarious job search in hopes of securing a more prestigious position.

For many M.B.A. graduates, the extended job hunt is not only financially draining but also psychologically taxing, prompting moments of self-doubt and existential questioning. Despite their impressive credentials, they find themselves reassessing their value in a job market that increasingly prioritizes specialized skills over prestigious degrees. Yet, **serendipity** still plays a role, as exemplified by Nikhil Sreekumar, who secured a position at Amazon only after a Duke alumnus referred him, demonstrating the enduring power of personal networks. While such success stories exist, they are no longer the norm, forcing job seekers to adopt a more pragmatic approach. As economic uncertainty persists, graduates must recalibrate their expectations, broaden their search beyond traditional corporate roles, and embrace unconventional career trajectories, lest **they** be left floundering in an unforgiving corporate landscape.

(Adapted from The Wall Street Journal)

Question 31 [1099253]: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

"This downturn signals a shift in employer recruitment strategies, as major firms increasingly delay hiring or reduce their intake of M.B.A. graduates, rendering traditional on-campus recruitment efforts less effective."

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1099254]: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a challenge faced by M.B.A. graduates in the current job market?

- A. Major corporations are reducing their hiring of M.B.A. graduates
 B. A decline in the overall value of an M.B.A. degree in the job market
 C. Increased difficulty for international students due to visa sponsorship concerns
 D. Delays in job start dates, causing financial uncertainty for new hires

Question 33 [1099255]: The word "**serendipity**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. foresight B. intuition
 C. coincidence D. misfortune

Question 34 [1099256]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 4?

- A. Despite economic uncertainty, M.B.A. graduates still secure jobs through prestigious degrees and alumni networks, clearly demonstrating that traditional career paths remain reliable despite evolving market demands and corporate hiring shifts.
 B. M.B.A. graduates struggle with prolonged job searches, facing financial and psychological strain, as shifting market demands and economic uncertainty require adaptability, expanded career perspectives, and reliance on personal networks.
 C. The once-straightforward transition from M.B.A. programs to high-paying jobs has vanished, leaving graduates reliant on personal connections and specialized technical skills, with little chance of securely securing traditional corporate positions.
 D. The job market now prioritizes specialized technical skills over prestigious degrees, forcing M.B.A. graduates into prolonged job searches that often end in unconventional career paths or lower-paying professional roles outside corporate settings.

Question 35 [1099257]: The phrase "**the lesser of two evils**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. An unavoidable situation where both choices are equally harmful
 B. A necessary decision that leads to a favorable outcome
 C. The less unpleasant of the two unpleasant choices
 D. The easiest and most beneficial solution

Question 36 [1099258]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. Under no circumstances do graduates face financial insecurity due to the job market's difficulties, since their educational investments guarantee stable career prospects, secure employment, and valuable opportunities despite economic uncertainty.
- B. The harsh job market has driven many graduates into financial instability, forcing them to reassess whether their significant educational expenses were truly worthwhile in the face of unpredictable career opportunities.
- C. Despite the challenges of a highly competitive and unpredictable job market, many graduates have managed to achieve financial stability, demonstrating that their significant educational expenses have ultimately been a valuable and rewarding investment.
- D. The unforgiving job market has led many graduates to question their career choices, forcing them to explore alternative educational paths rather than depending solely on the value of their initial degrees for success.

Question 37 [1099259]: The word "they" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. traditional corporate roles
- B. unconventional career trajectories
- C. graduates
- D. expectations

Question 38 [1099260]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Business schools have remained passive in response to job market challenges, offering little career support while graduates struggle independently to navigate hiring difficulties and employer reluctance.
- B. Despite economic uncertainty, Columbia Business School has managed to improve post-graduation employment outcomes, though its success is an exception in an otherwise challenging job market.
- C. International students have a competitive edge in hiring, as their diverse backgrounds attract employers, even though visa sponsorship challenges continue to create significant obstacles in employment.
- D. Graduates who struggle to find employment after earning their M.B.A. often lack essential qualifications, which makes it challenging for them to compete effectively in the corporate job market.

Question 39 [1099261]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The reliance on alumni referrals and networking has made M.B.A. job placement largely unpredictable, often making it difficult for graduates to secure positions without direct personal connections in their industries.
- B. M.B.A. graduates must actively seek alternative job-hunting strategies, as traditional recruitment avenues have become less reliable in an increasingly uncertain and competitive employment landscape.
- C. Employers have deprioritized academic prestige in favor of industry-specific expertise, forcing graduates to acquire supplementary skills beyond their formal education to remain competitive in the workforce.
- D. The diminished value of an M.B.A. in the corporate job market has led schools to overhaul their curricula, prioritizing hands-on training over theoretical instruction to improve employment outcomes.

Question 40 [1099262]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. M.B.A. graduates from elite institutions are finding that their degrees no longer guarantee immediate employment, as the job market contracts and employers scale back hiring, forcing graduates to reconsider their career paths and either accept less desirable roles or endure prolonged job searches.
- B. Employers are still eager to hire M.B.A. graduates from top universities, and graduates are easily transitioning from academia to high-paying roles, with little need for extensive networking or unconventional job-search strategies.
- C. Despite the rise in career support initiatives from business schools, M.B.A. graduates from top-tier programs are grappling with financial insecurity and psychological stress as the job market becomes more unforgiving. Many can secure high-paying roles, leading them to reassess their expectations and face difficulties in finding fulfilling employment.
- D. The decline in job placement for M.B.A. graduates from top schools can be attributed to companies significantly reducing their hiring and a contracting job market. As a result, graduates are increasingly dependent on personal networking and referrals rather than traditional recruitment cycles to secure job opportunities.

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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 1 to 6.

SECURE YOUR PROPERTY WITH A RELIABLE ANTI-THEFT LOCK

Protect your valuables with a high-quality anti-theft lock designed to offer maximum security and ease of use. This (1) _____ is built from durable materials, ensuring long-lasting performance under any conditions. Whether securing a bicycle, a storage unit, or an office door, this lock provides outstanding protection against (2) _____ break-ins. Each product, (3) _____ extensive quality inspections, delivers unparalleled strength and reliability. (4) _____ assured in its dependable design, to secure your item, simply insert the key into the cylinder and turn it to engage the locking mechanism. Additionally, choose a lock that is (5) _____ line with the leading names in security, giving you peace of mind no matter where you are. Experts highly consent (6) _____ this lock as a smart investment in protecting your belongings from theft.

(Adapted from <https://qed.qld.gov.au>)

Question 1 [1099263]: A. steel protection mechanism

B. steel mechanism protection

C. mechanism protection steel

D. protection mechanism steel

Question 2 [1099264]: A. force B. forcefully C. forceful D. forcefulness

Question 3 [1099265]: A. undergone B. which undergone

C. is undergoing D. undergoing

Question 4 [1099266]: A. Take B. Turn C. Rest D. Give

Question 5 [1099267]: A. by B. in C. on D. at

Question 6 [1099268]: A. recommend B. to recommend

C. recommending D. to recommending

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

STAY SECURE: UNDERSTANDING HACKERS AND HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

What is a hacker?

A hacker is someone who gains unauthorized access to devices or networks. (7) _____ some hackers use their skills ethically, others - often referred to as malicious hackers - aim to cause harm, steal data, or disrupt systems. In (8) _____ words, hackers can exploit system weaknesses for personal or financial gain.

▲ **Common types of hacking threats:**

- **Malware attacks:** Software designed to damage or gain unauthorized access to systems, often downloaded unintentionally.
- **Ransomware:** A type of malware that locks your files and demands a (9) _____ to restore access.
- **Keyloggers:** Tools that track and (10) _____ everything you type, including passwords and sensitive information.

🔒 **Tips to protect yourself:**

- **Update regularly:** Always install the latest software updates to fix vulnerabilities.
- **Use secure networks:** Avoid using public Wi-Fi without a VPN, as hackers can easily (11) _____ your data via unsecured connections.
- **(12) _____ potential threats early:** By scanning your devices regularly and staying informed about the latest cyber risks.

(Adapted from TechTarget)

Question 7 [1099269]: A. While B. Because of C. Additionally D. Therefore

Question 8 [1099270]: A. the others B. another C. other D. others

Question 9 [1099271]: A. reward B. ransom C. bonus D. tax

Question 10 [1099272]: A. reflect B. remove C. record D. reveal

Question 11 [1099273]: A. intercept B. accept C. except D. interpret

Question 12 [1099274]: A. Commit to B. Share with C. Start up D. Root out

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

Question 13 [1099275]:

a. Sam: He's only got an old-fashioned fax machine and one telephone line, so I've got to ask him to switch his machine from telephone to fax mode before I start.

b. Linda: Why do you have to do that?

c. Sam: I need to send this fax to my brother, but I'll have to telephone him first.

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

Question 14 [1099276]:

a. Renee: Have you seen the e-mail from the supplies department?

b. Cary: Exactly! Doing this should cut out paper bills by 50 percent.

c. Renee: It says that in the future, when photocopying, we should use double-sided printing wherever possible.

d. Renee: Well, I suppose only using one side of the paper is wasteful, so switching to double-sided printing could help save a lot.

e. Cary: No, I haven't. What does it say?

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

Question 15 [1099277]:

Dear Customer,

- a. Please order cheque books in advance by filling in the request form included in each cheque book, and you will receive them within 7 working days from the date of your request.
 - b. In order to save your time spent queuing at the branch for cheque book collection, your company cheque books will be delivered directly to your office via courier service.
 - c. Owing to this new arrangement, our branches will no longer keep standard company cheque books in stock.
 - d. However, if you wish to collect the cheque books at a designated branch instead of receiving them by courier, we will send them to that branch for your collection.
 - e. This new delivery service will start from Aug 1, 1997, at no extra cost to your company.
- We are always pleased to be of service.

Yours sincerely

OSIM Bank

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

Question 16 [1099278]:

- a. Overall, the number of clothes bought each year increased significantly, with online shopping becoming particularly popular after 2013.
- b. Luxury fashion brands also gained momentum later, but remained a smaller portion compared to everyday clothing.
- c. In contrast, traditional store purchases grew slowly and then declined slightly after 2015.
- d. The line graph illustrates the trend in purchasing new clothes from 2010 to 2020.
- e. This suggests that online shopping and affordable fashion will dominate future clothing trends.

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

Question 17 [1099279]:

- a. Meanwhile, the percentage of people enjoying Jazz was notably higher in Japan, double that of Malaysia.
- b. The charts compare people's preferences for different music genres in Malaysia and Japan in 2010.
- c. Overall, Pop and Rock were the most popular choices, while Classical music attracted the least interest in both countries.
- d. Finally, other genres also captured a considerable share of interest, accounting for over a quarter in each nation.
- e. Malaysian listeners favored Pop music significantly more than the Japanese, while preferences for Rock music were relatively similar.

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

Read the following passage about urban beekeeping 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.

Urban beekeeping has gained popularity in recent years as city dwellers recognize the importance of supporting pollinators, and many rooftops and balconies have become thriving apiaries, (18) _____. This sustainable practice not only helps mitigate the decline of bee populations but also provides enthusiasts with fresh, locally sourced energy. Additionally, urban beekeepers often educate their communities about the crucial role bees play in maintaining ecosystems. (19) _____.

Demonstrating remarkable adaptability and a forward-thinking approach, (20) _____. These carefully planned gardens incorporate native plants, minimize pesticide use, and prioritize year-round blooms to provide consistent food sources.

The synergy between urban beekeeping and pollinator-friendly gardening, both of which emphasize ecological stewardship and sustainable coexistence between humans and nature, (21) _____. When individuals take small steps to support pollinators, they collectively create significant positive environmental impacts. (22) _____. Ultimately, fostering a bee-friendly environment benefits both nature and human communities, promoting a healthier and more resilient world.

(Adapted from <https://www.pollenize.org>)

Question 18 [1099280]:

- A. on which honeybees diligently forage among carefully cultivated flowers, contributing to local biodiversity and ensuring the pollination of nearby urban gardens
- B. accommodated honeybees as they busily gather nectar from vibrant flowers, sustaining biodiversity and effective pollination of nearby urban gardens
- C. actively gathers nectar from meticulously nurtured flowers, supports local biodiversity, and facilitates and pollination of nearby city gardens
- D. to which honeybees continuously searching for nectar from flourishing flowers, strengthening biodiversity, and supporting the pollination of adjacent city gardens

Question 19 [1099281]:

- A. Providing unforeseen transformations crucial for the support of pollinators' survival, urban environments are gradually proliferating into vital refuges
- B. Because these vital pollinators need to survive and thrive, they must gradually transform urban environments and find crucial proliferation in unforeseen refuges
- C. As a result, urban environments are gradually transforming into unforeseen refuges that provide crucial support for the survival and proliferation of these vital pollinators
- D. The unforeseen proliferation of these vital pollinators crucially supports urban environments, gradually transforming them into survival refuges

Question 20 [1099282]:

- A. limited city landscapes provide opportunities for urban gardeners to skillfully design green spaces, fostering ideal conditions for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to thrive
- B. urban gardeners skillfully design green spaces that maximize limited city landscapes while fostering ideal conditions for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to thrive
- C. green spaces maximize limited city landscapes while fostering ideal conditions for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to thrive, as urban gardeners skillfully design them
- D. bees, butterflies, and other pollinators thrive as urban gardeners skillfully design green spaces that maximize limited city landscapes and create ideal conditions for their survival

Question 21 [1099283]:

- A. of which the commitment to eco-conscious city planning and long-term urban sustainability
- B. that emphasizes the increasing shift toward eco-friendly cities and sustainable urban lifestyles
- C. having illustrated the intensifying drive to transform cities into sustainable and greener habitats
- D. highlights the growing movement toward greener cities and sustainable urban living

Question 22 [1099284]:

- A. Advancing these ecosystems via strategic educational frameworks reinforces urban sustainability, significantly altering comprehensive policy and the resilience of these initiatives
- B. The resilience and sustainability of urban ecosystems significantly eliminate these initiatives through strategic educational frameworks and comprehensive policy reforms
- C. Advancing these initiatives via strategic educational frameworks and comprehensive policy reforms can significantly reinforce the resilience and sustainability of urban ecosystems
- D. Strategic educational frameworks can comprehensively reform political advance and reinforce urban ecosystems to sustain the resilience of these initiatives

Read the following passage about the global arms trade and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

The global arms trade is undeniably vast. Countries around the world, from the United States, Russia, to China and Germany, engage in the buying and selling of military equipment, ranging from small arms and ammunition to sophisticated fighter jets and warships. The value of this trade is **staggering**, reaching hundreds of billions of dollars annually. For example, in 2022 alone, global military expenditure surpassed \$ 2.24 trillion, a testament to the scale and reach of the arms market.

This trade, however, is not without its controversies. Critics argue that the proliferation of weapons, particularly in volatile regions, fuels conflict and instability. **They** point to examples like the ongoing civil war in Yemen, where weapons supplied by major arms exporters have exacerbated the humanitarian crisis. Additionally, concerns about human rights abuses committed with these weapons, such as the use of certain types of munitions against civilian populations, continue to **plague** the industry.

Proponents of the arms trade argue that it serves legitimate security interests, allowing nations to defend themselves against potential threats. They maintain that responsible arms sales, guided by strict regulations and end-user agreements, can contribute to regional stability by deterring aggression. Moreover, the economic benefits of the arms industry, which include job creation and technological advancement, are often cited as justifications for its continued existence.

Despite these arguments, the ethical implications of the global arms trade remain complex. Balancing the economic and security interests of nations with the need to protect human rights and prevent conflict presents a persistent challenge for the international community. As technology advances and the nature of warfare evolves, the debate surrounding the arms trade is likely to intensify, demanding thoughtful consideration and responsible action from all stakeholders.

(Adapted from Global Times)

Question 23 [1099285]: According to paragraph 1, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a country involved in the arms trade?

- A. United States B. Russia C. Germany D. France

Question 24 [1099286]: The word "**staggering**" in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. massive B. modest C. shocking D. attainable

Question 25 [1099287]: The word "**plague**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. trouble B. benefit C. harness D. adjoin

Question 26 [1099288]: The word "**They**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Exporters B. Critics C. Examples D. Weapons

Question 27 [1099289]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Opponents of the arms trade acknowledge its role in self-defense and national security.
 B. Critics of the arms trade believe it is not necessary for countries to stay safe from foreign attacks.
 C. Supporters of the arms trade claim it fulfills valid security needs by enabling countries to protect themselves from possible dangers.
 D. Advocates of the arms trade state that it supports national defense by helping nations respond to imaginary threats.

Question 28 [1099290]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The arms trade is universally condemned for its negative impact on human rights.
- B. Economic arguments in favor of the arms trade include its contributions to employment and technological progress.
- C. Strict regulations have eliminated the humanitarian consequences of arms sales.
- D. Most arms sales are to countries actively engaged in armed conflicts.

Question 29 [1099291]: In which paragraph does the writer mention a concession relationship?

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

Question 30 [1099292]: In which paragraph does the writer highlight the negative consequences of arms proliferation?

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

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

[I] Albert Einstein, born in 1879 in Ulm, Germany, epitomized the archetype of the visionary who defied conventional norms. [II] This early dissonance with academic institutions would, in retrospect, serve as the catalyst for his later breakthroughs, as he sought knowledge beyond the confines of traditional pedagogy. [III] Indeed, his formative years, marked by moments of frustration, laid the foundation for a career defined by intellectual audacity and a relentless pursuit of understanding. [IV]

Einstein's theory of relativity, particularly the equation $E = mc^2$, shattered established notions of space, time, and energy, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of modern physics. **Its** implications reached far beyond the realm of theoretical physics, influencing everything from nuclear energy to GPS technology. However, Einstein's ascent to scientific prominence did not occur in an instant - his work was the product of years of grappling with paradoxes and refining ideas that defied the scientific orthodoxy of the time. His perseverance in reconciling the complexities of the universe ultimately led to a paradigm shift that redefined how humanity understood the nature of reality.

As a public figure, Einstein was as resolute in his stance on social and political issues as he was in his scientific endeavors. He became an outspoken critic of militarism, racism, and the rise of totalitarianism, using his fame to advocate for human rights and intellectual freedom. His principled opposition to war and injustice was not merely academic, but deeply personal, as he consistently stood firm in his beliefs, even at great personal cost. **This moral courage, often overshadowed by his scientific achievements, revealed a man whose commitment to the greater good transcended the confines of his scientific pursuits.**

In his later years, Einstein emigrated to the United States, where he continued to influence both the scientific and political landscapes. Despite the accolades and recognition that accompanied his name, he remained notably **unpretentious**, often deflecting praise by attributing his achievements to a profound sense of curiosity rather than innate genius. "I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious," he famously remarked, encapsulating the essence of his intellectual philosophy. His legacy, however, extends beyond his groundbreaking discoveries, as his capacity to **think outside the box** and question the status quo serves as a beacon for future generations of thinkers striving to uncover the deepest truths of the universe.

(Adapted from NobelPrize.org)

Question 31 [1099293]: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

"As a child, he was perceived as a slow learner, often struggling with the rigid structure of the educational system, yet he exhibited an insatiable curiosity that would eventually propel him to unparalleled heights."

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1099294]: According to paragraph 3, which of the following is **NOT** accurate about Albert Einstein's stance on social and political matters?

- A. His scientific achievements were always more important than his political beliefs
 B. He was vocal in his opposition to war and totalitarianism
 C. He consistently stood firm in his beliefs, even at great personal cost
 D. He used his fame to advocate for human rights and intellectual freedom

Question 33 [1099295]: The word "**unpretentious**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. humble B. arrogant C. straightforward D. modest

Question 34 [1099296]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 4?

- A. In his later years, Einstein continued to contribute to both science and society while embodying a philosophy of humility and intellectual curiosity.
 B. Einstein's reluctance to accept praise for his accomplishments stemmed from his belief that his curiosity, rather than his talent, was the key to his success.
 C. Einstein's influence in the United States extended beyond science, as he played a vital role in shaping political landscapes and advocating for intellectual freedom.
 D. Einstein emigrated to the United States later in life and continued his work in science and politics, becoming more widely recognized for his contributions.

Question 35 [1099297]: The word "**think outside the box**" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. adopt a narrow perspective B. establish new methods
 C. stick to the rules D. challenge conventional wisdom

Question 36 [1099298]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Rather than solely prioritizing the greater good, his scientific endeavors often took precedence over his ethical responsibilities.
- B. It was his indifference to moral causes, sometimes hidden behind his scientific fame, that proved his concern for the welfare of all.
- C. Although his scientific achievements were significant, his lack of moral conviction kept him from rising above his personal desires.
- D. Rarely celebrated due to his scientific acclaim, his moral courage nonetheless reflected a profound devotion to humanity.

Question 37 [1099299]: The word "**Its**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. modern physics
- B. Einstein's theory of relativity
- C. nuclear energy
- D. an indelible mark

Question 38 [1099300]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Einstein believed that achieving success in science was primarily a result of natural talent rather than sustained effort.
- B. Despite his fame, Einstein constantly sought to maintain a low profile and refused to engage in any public debates about political matters.
- C. Einstein's fame grew rapidly due to his ability to easily reconcile scientific paradoxes without significant effort.
- D. Einstein was initially considered a slow learner, but his rebellious nature and passion for learning eventually led him to make groundbreaking scientific discoveries.

Question 39 [1099301]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Einstein's contributions to science were exclusively focused on theoretical physics, with little regard for its real-world applications.
- B. Einstein's scientific breakthroughs were achieved through years of questioning traditional ideas and overcoming personal and intellectual obstacles.
- C. Despite his groundbreaking scientific discoveries, Einstein's life was defined by a focus on political activism rather than intellectual pursuits.
- D. Einstein's scientific contributions were primarily driven by his desire to challenge authority and overturn established beliefs.

Question 40 [1099302]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A.** Albert Einstein's fame stemmed primarily from his opposition to militarism and political tyranny, as well as his contributions to scientific breakthroughs like the theory of relativity, with little attention given to his scientific theories and ideas.
- B.** Albert Einstein's life was defined by his unwavering commitment to scientific discoveries, his opposition to war and injustice, and his legacy as a moral figure, with his most famous achievement being the development of the theory of relativity.
- C.** Despite facing numerous challenges in his early years, Albert Einstein's intellectual curiosity and contributions to science, particularly the theory of relativity, shaped his legacy, while his commitment to social justice further amplified his impact.
- D.** Albert Einstein's early struggles with education, his success in scientific innovation, and his outspoken advocacy for political issues led him to become a global icon, with his later years spent living in the United States.

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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 1 to 6.

EXPAND YOUR WORLD WITH FRIENDCONNECT!

Looking for new friends and exciting conversations? Join FriendConnect, the ultimate app for (1) _____ meaningful connections with people around the world! Whether you're looking to chat, share ideas, or discover new cultures, FriendConnect is the perfect platform to meet like-minded individuals (2) _____ your interests and passions. With a(n) (3) _____, you'll always find someone to connect with, no matter where you are. We promise (4) _____ you expand your social circle and enrich your life by introducing you to people from all walks (5) _____ life. Don't miss out on the opportunity to create lasting friendships, share experiences, and have fun. Download FriendConnect today and start building your (6) _____ network!

(Adapted from Huffpost)

Question 1 [1099303]: A. taking B. giving C. breaking D. making

Question 2 [1099304]: A. shared B. who shares C. sharing D. share

Question 3 [1099305]: A. vibrant community online B. community vibrant online
C. online vibrant community D. vibrant online community

Question 4 [1099306]: A. to help B. helping C. to helping D. help

Question 5 [1099307]: A. for B. with C. of D. in

Question 6 [1099308]: A. globalize B. global C. globalization D. globally

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

FASHION AND SUSTAINABILITY: RETHINKING THE FUTURE OF CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION

1. The Necessity for a Paradigm Shift in Fashion

The fashion industry, notorious for its exacerbation of environmental degradation, must urgently (7) _____ its reliance on exploitative, linear production models. Transitioning to a circular economy, where materials are continuously repurposed, is paramount. By adopting regenerative agricultural practices and biomaterials, designers can reduce the ecological footprint of fashion, ensuring that the sector's future is both economically viable and ecologically sound. Many forward-thinking designers are already embracing this change, setting an example for the broader industry. (8) _____ who resist this shift risk falling behind in an increasingly eco-conscious market.

Question 15 [1099317]:

Dear Wills,

- a. It would be such a pleasure to spend time together and catch up after so long!
- b. We could also explore some nearby attractions, and I'm sure you'll have a great time experiencing the culture here.
- c. I was so excited to hear that you'll be visiting Vietnam soon, and I wanted to personally invite you to come over to my house while you're here.
- d. I would love to show you around my city and introduce you to some of the best local dishes that I know you'll enjoy.
- e. Please let me know when you arrive, and we can make plans to meet up.

Warm regards,

Amy

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

Question 16 [1099318]:

- a. From the charts, it is clear that the university's prestige is by far the most significant driver of students' preferences, as indicated by 37% of undergraduates and 45% of postgraduates in the sample.
- b. The bar charts illustrate why students, at both university and higher levels of education, choose to attend Stanford University.
- c. The cost incurred ranks second in importance, accounting for roughly one-fourth of students in the first group and almost one-third of students in the second group.
- d. Overall, the university's status and tuition fees are the primary factors influencing the selection of the majority of students in both groups.
- e. These factors are notably more significant to postgraduates' choice of school (almost three-quarters) than to undergraduates' (56%).

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

Question 17 [1099319]:

- a. Notably, Product C demonstrated the most significant increase in sales volume during this timeframe.
- b. Overall, the key trend revealed is that all three product lines experienced growth in sales revenue.
- c. Specifically, in 2018, Product A generated approximately \$200,000 in sales. This figure steadily increased to around \$350,000 by 2022.
- d. Product B started with sales of roughly \$150,000 in 2018 and saw a consistent rise to approximately \$300,000 by the end of the period.
- e. The given line graph depicts the sales figures for three distinct product lines within a company over five years, from 2018 to 2022.

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

Read the following passage about graphic designers 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.

Graphic designers, (18) _____, play a crucial role in shaping modern visual communication. They develop brand identities, design marketing materials, and create digital assets that enhance user experiences. Their work, rooted in both artistic intuition and strategic problem-solving, (19) _____. By combining artistic vision with software proficiency, they transform abstract ideas into impactful visual narratives.

Steeped in contemporary design trends, (20) _____. They utilize industry-standard tools such as Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign to execute projects that meet client expectations. Attention to detail and a strong grasp of user psychology enable them to create designs that captivate and engage audiences. (21) _____.

As technology evolves, graphic designers must adapt by continuously expanding their skill sets to incorporate new design techniques and digital advancements. Motion graphics, 3D rendering, and UX/UI design have become essential components of modern design work. The ability to integrate creativity with cutting-edge technology distinguishes exceptional designers from their peers. (22) _____.

(Adapted from [https:// www.iid.edu.in](https://www.iid.edu.in))

Question 18 [1099320]:

- A. integrated artistic flair with digital proficiency to generate compelling and influential visuals across diverse media
- B. combining artistic vision with technical skills to produce highly engaging and impactful visuals across multiple platforms
- C. blend graphic design with historical research to create captivating articles across diverse platforms
- D. who ability to merge creativity with technical expertise enables them to create captivating visuals across diverse platforms

Question 19 [1099321]:

- A. having called for proficiency in color theory, typeface choices, and structure to develop strong design
- B. that demands a solid understanding of color theory, typography, and layout to craft impactful designs
- C. requires a strong grasp of color theory, typography, and composition to create effective designs
- D. of which the market strategy development needs a sharp understanding of fashion trends, fonts, and alignment

Question 20 [1099322]:

- A. these professionals refine visuals, ensuring every element aligns to communicate effectively
- B. every element aligns seamlessly, allowing these professionals to refine visuals and communicate effectively
- C. visuals convey messages effectively when professionals meticulously refine and align every element
- D. these influences help these professionals shape visuals, ensuring every element aligns to communicate messages effectively

Question 21 [1099323]:

- A. Graphic designers must consistently innovate in a team to stay competitive in the field
- B. Working independently or as part of a team, staying relevant in a competitive field requires graphic designers
- C. Graphic designers must work as part of a competitive team to stay relevant
- D. Graphic designers must consistently innovate to stay relevant in the competitive field

Question 22 [1099324]:

- A. Effectively communicating in an ever-changing industry thrives on lifelong learning and adaptability, those embracing them cannot create visually stunning works
- B. Those who thrive in an ever-changing industry embrace visually stunning adaptability to create lifelong learning and effective communication strategies
- C. In an ever-changing industry, those who embrace lifelong learning and adaptability thrive in creating visually stunning and effective communication strategies
- D. An ever-changing adaptability is rejected by those who avoid lifelong learning, destroying the potential for a strong industry in visual communication strategies

Read the following passage about *Coco* and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

Coco, directed by Lee Unkrich and Adrian Molina, is a cinematic masterpiece that delves into the complexities of family, memory, and the afterlife. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Mexican culture, the film weaves a heartwarming and emotional narrative that touches on themes of legacy and identity. It tells the story of Miguel, a young boy who embarks on an extraordinary journey to the Land of the Dead in search of his great-great-grandfather, a famous musician, despite his family's deep-rooted ban on music. Through its vivid visuals and **poignant** storytelling, *Coco* highlights the importance of familial bonds and the need to honor one's ancestors.

The film's profound exploration of the Day of the Dead (*Día de los Muertos*) introduces audiences to a rich cultural tradition that celebrates life and the memories of those who have passed. *Coco* not only brings to light the significance of remembering our

loved ones, but also reflects on how personal histories shape our identities. The concept of the ofrenda - a family altar where offerings are made to deceased relatives - is particularly symbolic, illustrating the idea that as long as someone is remembered, **they** continue to exist in the hearts and minds of their families. This message is conveyed through Miguel's emotional quest to reunite with his family's lost musical heritage and honor his ancestors' legacy.

The film's universal appeal is enhanced by its intricate depiction of Mexican customs, its exceptional animation, and its captivating music. The song "Remember Me," which plays a central role in the narrative, underscores the theme of remembrance, becoming both a heartfelt lullaby and a powerful symbol of enduring love. The film's ability to **strike a chord with** audiences from all walks of life is a testament to its universal themes and artistic brilliance. The vibrant visuals, reminiscent of a fantastical yet respectful interpretation of Mexican traditions, create an immersive world that is both beautiful and meaningful. These artistic elements, paired with the deeply emotional storyline, have resonated with audiences worldwide, transcending cultural barriers.

CoCo received widespread critical acclaim and garnered numerous prestigious awards, cementing its place in cinematic history. At the 90th Academy Awards, the film won the Oscars for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song for "Remember Me." It also earned the Golden Globe for Best Animated Feature Film and the BAFTA for Best Animated Film. These accolades serve as a testament to the film's exceptional storytelling, artistry, and the universality of its themes. **Coco not only serves as a cinematic achievement but also as a heartfelt celebration of life, love, and the ties that bind us across generations.**

(Adapted from <https://aithor.com>)

Question 23 [1099325]: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a theme explored in the movie Coco?

- A. The complexities of familial relationships
- B. The importance of honoring ancestral legacies
- C. The significance of memory and identity
- D. The socio-political implications of cultural appropriation

Question 24 [1099326]: The word "**poignant**" in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. superficial
- B. nostalgic
- C. heartfelt
- D. sentimental

Question 25 [1099327]: The phrase "**strike a chord with**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. alienate the sentiments of
- B. generate a dissonance within
- C. evoke a profound connection with
- D. overwhelm the perceptions of

Question 26 [1099328]: The word "they" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. families
 B. deceased relatives
 C. histories
 D. offerings

Question 27 [1099329]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Coco highlights the disintegration of family connections across generations, overshadowing any celebration of love.
 B. While Coco excels in visual artistry, it primarily underscores the transient nature of familial relationships rather than celebrating the enduring strength of those connections.
 C. Coco is a film that balances its cinematic success with an equal emphasis on depicting the complexities of life, love, and generational ties.
 D. Beyond being a milestone in cinema, Coco is an emotional tribute to life, love, and the enduring connections between generations.

Question 28 [1099330]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The film's depiction of the Land of the Dead is presented as a literal, factual representation of Mexican folklore, devoid of artistic interpretation.
 B. Coco highlights the importance of remembering loved ones and how personal histories influence individual identities.
 C. The narrative of Coco predominantly centers on the exploration of societal critiques within the Mexican cultural context.
 D. The primary objective of Coco was to dismantle established cinematic conventions in animated films, prioritizing experimental visual styles over coherent narrative structure.

Question 29 [1099331]: In which paragraph does the writer introduce a complementary relationship between cultural traditions and the film's universal appeal?

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

Question 30 [1099332]: In which paragraph does the writer discuss the film's success and recognition in the film industry?

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

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

Hoan Kiem Lake, located in the heart of Hanoi, is a place of historical and cultural significance. [I] The lake's name, which translates to "Lake of the Returned Sword," originates from a 15th-century legend about Emperor Le Loi. According to it, the emperor received a magical sword from the gods, which helped him defeat foreign invaders. [II]

One day, while boating on the lake, a golden turtle emerged and seized the sword, returning it to the heavens. [III] Today, the lake remains a symbol of Vietnam's rich history, attracting locals and tourists who seek its peaceful atmosphere. [IV]

Surrounded by lush trees and colonial-era buildings, Hoan Kiem Lake offers a picturesque escape from the city's hectic pace. The calm water mirrors the vibrant colors of the changing seasons, creating a breathtaking view throughout the year. In the morning, joggers and elderly residents practicing tai chi gather along its banks to enjoy the fresh air. At the lake's center stands Turtle Tower, a small but iconic structure built to honor the legendary creature. This tower, set on a tiny islet, serves as a reminder of the enduring power of Vietnamese folklore. Nearby, the red-painted Huc Bridge gracefully arches over the water, leading visitors to Ngoc Son Temple, one of Hanoi's most revered landmarks.

Ngoc Son Temple, perched on a small island, serves as both a historical monument and a sacred place of worship. This well-preserved temple features **intricate** carvings, ancient altars, and wooden pillars showcasing Vietnamese craftsmanship. Inside, visitors can admire relics, including a preserved giant turtle linked to the legend. The temple is especially vibrant during festivals, when incense fills the air and worshippers gather to offer prayers for prosperity. For many, witnessing the temple's elegant architecture reflected on the water is truly **a sight for sore eyes.**

Beyond its historical charm, Hoan Kiem Lake remains central to Hanoi's cultural life. Every weekend, the surrounding streets transform into a lively pedestrian zone with dance performances, traditional music, and street food. Artists create calligraphy, and musicians play traditional instruments, adding to the city's vibrant charm. Whether one seeks history, nature, or daily life, Hoan Kiem Lake offers a perfect blend of heritage and modernity.

(Adapted from <https://mytour.vn>)

Question 31 [1099333]: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

This event symbolized the end of Le Loi's mission and reinforced the idea that his power was a divine gift.

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32 [1099334]: According to paragraph 4, which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as an activity around Hoan Kiem Lake on weekends?

- A. calligraphy creation B. dance performances
C. traditional music D. theater performances

Question 33 [1099335]: The word "**intricate**" in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. simple B. elegant
C. detailed D. delicate

Question 34 [1099336]: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

- A. Hoan Kiem Lake, enveloped by desert terrain, offers a tranquil pond and occasional morning exercises for local farmers.
- B. Hoan Kiem Lake, ringed by greenery, reflects hues and has the iconic Turtle Tower, Huc Bridge, and Ngoc Son Temple.
- C. Hoan Kiem Lake, lined with modern skyscrapers, highlights busy streets, large ferries, and vibrant commercial complexes for tourists.
- D. Hoan Kiem Lake, hidden beyond city limits, offers no historical landmarks, but provides calm waters for swimming enthusiasts.

Question 35 [1099337]: The phrase "a sight for sore eyes" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. a distant memory
- B. a disappointing scene
- C. a confusing sight
- D. a breathtaking view

Question 36 [1099338]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Hoan Kiem Lake, lined with modern skyscrapers, provides an urban retreat from the city's vibrant and energetic nightlife.
- B. Hoan Kiem Lake, shaded by tall trees and historic buildings, offers a scenic refuge from the city's busy environment.
- C. Hoan Kiem Lake, surrounded by thick forests and ancient ruins, serves as an isolated retreat from daily urban life.
- D. Hoan Kiem Lake, enclosed by bustling markets and entertainment venues, becomes a popular destination within the lively city.

Question 37 [1099339]: The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. 15th-century legend
- B. the lake's name
- C. Hoan Kiem Lake
- D. Hanoi

Question 38 [1099340]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Turtle Tower, a grand palace on a large island, is the primary location where visitors gather for major celebrations and ceremonies.
- B. The lake's historical significance is linked to a legend involving an emperor, a divine sword, and a mythical golden turtle reclaiming it.
- C. Weekend activities around Hoan Kiem Lake consist mainly of sports competitions, boat races, and night markets, drawing large crowds seeking excitement.
- D. Hoan Kiem Lake's surroundings include modern infrastructure, offering a blend of historical sites, towering skyscrapers, and contemporary entertainment venues for visitors.

Question 39 [1099341]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Ngoc Son Temple's relics imply that Emperor Le Loi's sword was preserved and displayed for visitors.
- B. Hoan Kiem Lake's peaceful surroundings suggest that it is rarely visited by large crowds or tourists.
- C. Weekend activities at Hoan Kiem Lake suggest that the area is exclusively dedicated to entertainment events.
- D. The presence of historical landmarks indicates that Hoan Kiem Lake holds deep cultural and symbolic significance.

Question 40 [1099342]: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Hoan Kiem Lake offers a festival-like atmosphere with daily shows, busy markets, fireworks, and entertainment, overshadowing its historical landmarks and quiet spaces meant for relaxation and reflection.
- B. Hoan Kiem Lake, home to a mythical creature, is a remote site where ancient traditions are strictly preserved, and no modern influences or public events disrupt its peaceful, untouched environment.
- C. Hoan Kiem Lake, known for its history and legends, features iconic landmarks, scenic beauty, and remains a cultural hub with vibrant activities, blending tradition and modern life in the heart of Hanoi.
- D. Hoan Kiem Lake, surrounded by towering skyscrapers, is a modern attraction where locals and tourists enjoy luxurious entertainment, shopping, and nightlife, with no significant historical or cultural heritage.

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Read the following passage 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 1 to 5.

The rise of the "influencer" as a career path represents a new form of media, one that operates almost entirely outside of traditional institutions. Success in this space requires building a curated online persona, engaging in strategic brand collaborations, a practice that many followers view with growing skepticism, and (1) _____, a set of activities that blurs the distinction separating personal identity and commercial enterprise.

The perceived authenticity of influencers, which marketers understand is their most valuable asset, makes them incredibly effective, especially when their followers feel a personal connection to them, (2) _____. The constant need to generate content often leads to burnout.

The constant exposure to highly idealized and curated lifestyles can be particularly detrimental to young audiences. (3) _____. A curated feed filled with luxury, travel, and physical perfection creates a benchmark that is disconnected from everyday reality, potentially harming self-esteem.

In response, regulatory bodies worldwide are attempting to enforce stricter disclosure rules for paid content. (4) _____. The sheer volume of content, combined with the global nature of social media, makes enforcement a logistical nightmare for any single agency.

The central tension of this new media form, which will likely define its next decade, is whether its future will be defined by the unchecked amplification of sensationalism, a model that is currently the most profitable, or (5) _____ to foster a healthy, informed public discourse.

(Adapted from *Solutions*)

Question 1 [1099343]:

- A. a carefully constructed cultivation of the audience through a one-sided, intimate sense
- B. cultivating a carefully constructed, one-sided sense of intimacy with their audience
- C. construct a one-sided sense of intimacy to cultivate their audience carefully
- D. a constructed, one-sided sense of intimacy with their audience is carefully cultivated

Question 2 [1099344]:

- A. and the genuineness of a recommendation is often non-existent when payment or advertising is involved
- B. provided that a paid advertisement is often the non-existent line for a genuine recommendation
- C. even though the line between a genuine recommendation and a paid advertisement is often non-existent
- D. in case the payment for a genuine recommendation often advertises the non-existence of a line

Question 3 [1099345]:

- A. The relentless stream of aspirational content often sets an unattainable standard for success and happiness
- B. Success and happiness are often the aspirational content streaming relentlessly from this unattainable standard
- C. The aspirational standard for success and happiness often streams relentlessly from this unattainable content
- D. Successful and happy aspirations are the content of this relentless stream, setting an unattainable standard

Question 4 [1099346]:

- A. These well-intentioned regulatory attempts, however, are often criticized for iterating too rapidly, attempting the speed of digital media.
- B. The intention of these regulations, however, is often criticized as lagging far behind digital media's rapid, iterative speed and its attempts.
- C. Critics of these well-intentioned regulations, however, are often attempting to lag behind the rapid, iterative speed of digital media.
- D. These well-intentioned regulatory attempts, however, are often criticized as lagging far behind the rapid, iterative speed of digital media.

Question 5 [1099347]:

- A. will be imposed a new ethical framework of responsibility by regulatory bodies
- B. the imposition of a new framework is the ethical responsibility of regulatory bodies
- C. if a new framework of ethical responsibility can be imposed by regulatory bodies
- D. whether regulatory bodies are ethically responsible for imposing a new framework

Read the 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.

In the lobby of a five-star hotel in Hanoi, a group of millennials recently turned heads, not for their youth, but for their distinctive apparel. They were all clad in the ao dai, the classic Vietnamese tunic, presented in a kaleidoscope of soft pastels. For decades, the

garment was largely perceived as a symbol of a bygone era, **relegated** to ceremonial wear or the uniforms of flight attendants. Its reappearance in casual, contemporary life marks a significant cultural resurgence.

Young people are reclaiming the dress for daily activities, from attending art exhibitions to simple coffee dates. The revival is a largely grassroots phenomenon, organically **propelled** by social media, where images of friends in matching ao dai proliferate. **The sight is particularly striking in a nation where the youth typically gravitate toward the accessible, globalized styles offered by international brands.** The movement feels less like a fleeting trend and more like a conscious cultural statement.

"I feel like when I'm wearing it, I feel more 'me,'" conveyed Duong Nguyen, a 20-year-old content creator. "It makes me feel proud." For her and many others, the garment is a vehicle for self-expression and a connection to their heritage. Her university classmate, Nguyen Ngan, elaborates on the generational difference in attitude, noting that while her mother's generation wore the dress for formal occasions, her own finds it "very freeing to wear it whenever we want." The sentiment is one of liberation, of taking a historical symbol and infusing **it** with modern autonomy.

The trend has prompted a surge of innovation within the country's textile and design industries. Local fashion brands are releasing contemporary interpretations of the garment, experimenting with more comfortable, breathable fabrics like linen. Designers are also revising the traditional silhouette to allow for greater mobility. The objective is to create a versatile piece of clothing that honors its rich sartorial heritage while accommodating the pragmatic demands of a dynamic, modern lifestyle.

Question 6 [1099348]: The word **relegated** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. preserved B. elevated C. modernized D. associated

Question 7 [1099349]: The word **propelled** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. driven B. supported C. documented D. popularized

Question 8 [1099350]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The sight is particularly striking in a nation where the youth often reject local traditions in favor of accessible, globalized international brand styles.
 B. The extremely striking sight emerges in a nation, causing the youth to gravitate more toward accessible and globalized styles from international brands.
 C. In a country where young people normally prefer the easy-to-find, international styles of global brands, the sight stands out as especially noticeable.
 D. The sight is so striking because it contrasts with the youth's gravitation towards accessible styles that are offered by many globalized, international brands.

Question 9 [1099351]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a personal meaning that the ao dai holds for the younger generation?

- A. A vehicle for self-expression
- B. A connection to heritage
- C. A sense of modern autonomy
- D. A form of ceremonial wear

Question 10 [1099352]: The word **it** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the sentiment
- B. liberation
- C. a historical symbol
- D. modern autonomy

Question 11 [1099353]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The recent resurgence of the ao dai is a widespread effort to restore the garment's traditional role as a type of ceremonial and formal attire.
- B. Vietnam's fashion industry initiated the ao dai's popular revival by creating modern designs and promoting them organically on social media.
- C. The feeling of liberation expressed by the youth comes from the garment's new, more comfortable fabrics and its revised traditional silhouette.
- D. The goal of contemporary ao dai designers is to balance a reverence for the garment's heritage with the functional necessities of modern lifestyles.

Question 12 [1099354]: Which paragraph mentions modifications to the ao dai's physical design for modern use?

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

Question 13 [1099355]: Which paragraph mentions a generational difference in the feeling associated with wearing the ao dai?

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

Read the 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 14 to 23.

A pro-fossil fuel agenda in the United States is set to severely impede global climate efforts by effectively halving the nation's decarbonization trajectory, a new forecast from the Rhodium Group has warned. The report describes the administration's policies as the "most abrupt shift in energy and climate policy in recent memory." [I] Under these new conditions, the US is now projected to cut **its** emissions by only 26% to 35% by 2035 from 2005 levels. That projection is a stark downgrade from the 38% to 56% reduction forecast just last year, a change that jeopardizes the US's ability to meet its international climate commitments.

The abrupt reversal stems from the administration's "drill, baby, drill" agenda. Vast federal lands and waters have been opened to new fossil fuel extraction, while key environmental regulations have been systematically dismantled. The administration has also actively sought to **hamper** the clean energy sector, killing off financial incentives for new solar and wind projects. [II] Trump has personally instructed his administration to halt new renewables facilities, even those previously approved, reflecting a long-standing animus towards what he deems "ugly" wind turbines.

The administration's policy reversal has triggered an immediate and chilling effect on the clean energy industry. Major offshore wind farms have been halted. A planned battery factory in North Carolina was canceled, and another plant in Michigan recently closed. According to the Climate Power group, nearly 65,000 clean energy jobs have been lost or stalled, with household power bills rising as a result of cuts to cheaper renewables. [III] A recent report from the American Clean Power Association showed solar installations had plummeted by a quarter in the first half of 2025, with its CEO citing "new bureaucratic delays and unclear demands."

The new trajectory is already becoming visible in early emissions data. In the first half of the year, US emissions rose by 1.4%. [IV] An increase that, aided by a similar rise in Brazil, was enough to push global emissions slightly higher. **The development is an unsettling preview of the challenges ahead for the world's governments as they prepare for a key UN climate meeting in Brazil.** While the full impact of the new policies will not be apparent for several years, the immediate slowdown in renewable projects offers a troubling indicator. As one Rhodium director noted, a "flatlining of emissions is a pretty bad indicator of the trajectory we need to be on."

Question 14 [1099356]: According to paragraph 1, the U.S.'s projected path to decarbonization has been significantly altered by _____.

- A. a new governmental direction promoting conventional energy sources
- B. a stark downgrade in the nation's projected emissions reduction
- C. the nation's inability to meet its international climate commitments
- D. a new forecast and warning issued by a prominent research group

Question 15 [1099357]: The word **its** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. The report
- B. the administration
- C. energy and climate policy
- D. the US

Question 16 [1099358]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. The administration's energy plan is shaped by a personal dislike of renewables, which has led to a halt on new wind and solar projects while the government simultaneously pursues greater fossil fuel exploitation on federal lands.
- B. In order to facilitate its agenda of expanded fossil fuel extraction, the administration has also taken steps to weaken environmental regulations and to remove financial support for the competing clean energy industry.
- C. The administration's energy strategy is a three-pronged approach that encourages new fossil fuel development on public lands, rolls back important environmental protections, and actively hinders the renewables industry.
- D. The government's recent change in climate policy includes several seemingly disorganized moves, such as allowing more drilling, relaxing environmental rules, and stopping renewable projects based on personal distaste.

Question 17 [1099359]: The word hamper in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. obstruct B. criticize C. weaken D. regulate

Question 18 [1099360]: What personal reason is mentioned for the administration's opposition to wind farms?

- A. A belief that the technology is an unreliable and inefficient source of power.
B. The goal of killing financial incentives for new clean energy projects.
C. The systematic dismantling of a wide range of key environmental regulations.
D. A long-held dislike of the perceived unattractiveness of the turbines.

Question 19 [1099361]: What did the American Clean Power Association's report reveal about the solar sector?

- A. The loss or stalling of approximately sixty-five thousand clean energy jobs.
B. The creation of new bureaucratic delays and a variety of unclear demands.
C. A twenty-five percent drop in the installation of new solar capacity.
D. The immediate and complete halt of all major offshore wind farm projects.

Question 20 [1099362]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. The development offers a worrying glimpse of the future difficulties global governments will face while getting ready for a major UN climate summit in Brazil.
B. This unsettling development is a key challenge that the world's governments must address as they prepare for the upcoming UN climate meeting in Brazil.
C. This recent development will create unsettling new challenges for the world's governments in their preparations for an important UN climate meeting in Brazil.
D. The development is a troubling sign of challenges global governments will encounter during the key UN climate meeting they are preparing for in Brazil.

Question 21 [1099363]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The administration's policy of reducing support for renewable energy has resulted in direct and adverse financial consequences for the general public.
B. The recent downturn in solar installations is partly attributable to the clean energy industry's own difficulties in adapting to new bureaucratic procedures.
C. Excluding the recent emissions increases from the United States and Brazil, the global trajectory during that period would have been one of slight decarbonization.
D. The administration's opposition to new renewable energy projects culminates in the president's personal aesthetic objections to wind turbine technology.

Question 22 [1099364]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

While the percentage is modest, the reversal of a downward trend is deeply significant.

- A. [I] B. [III] C. [II] D. [IV]

Question 23 [1099365]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The administration's focus on fossil fuels has triggered a sharp decline in the U.S. clean energy industry, with job losses and project cancellations being a direct cause of the recently observed increase in national greenhouse gas emissions.
- B. The U.S. government has advanced an economically oriented energy policy focused on fossil fuels, a change that has worsened climate projections and caused significant job losses in the renewables industry, creating serious global concern.
- C. A new U.S. energy policy favoring fossil fuels has drastically lowered the country's emission reduction forecast, a change that is already damaging the renewable energy sector and causing a concerning increase in the nation's carbon output.
- D. An abrupt change in U.S. climate policy has harmed its domestic clean energy industry and raised national emissions, a development now creating serious diplomatic friction with other nations before a key UN climate summit in Brazil.

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

Question 24 [1099366]:

- a. Tommy: That sounds interesting! I hope she enjoys being here.
- b. Tommy: I heard there's a new transfer student in our class.
- c. Peter: Yeah, I met her this morning. She seems nice and is from another city.

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

Question 25 [1099367]:

- a. James: True, but consider the pain you'll be in if you don't take care of it. It's better to invest in your health.
- b. Ben: I know, but I'm worried about the cost. Dental work can be really expensive.
- c. James: You should see a dentist before it gets worse. Ignoring it could lead to bigger problems.
- d. Ben: You're right. I'll make an appointment as soon as I can, but I'm still a bit nervous about the drill.
- e. Ben: I think I might have a cavity. My tooth has been aching for days.

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

Question 26 [1099368]:

Dear Mr. Bean,

- a. I hope you can make it; it wouldn't be the same without you!
- b. Let me know if you're free, and I'll send you the details.
- c. It would be a great chance to catch up and enjoy some good food together!
- d. We'll be having some of your favorite dishes, and I'll make sure there's plenty of dessert.
- e. I'm hosting a small dinner party at my place next Saturday evening and would love for you to join us.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Amy

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

Question 27 [1099369]:

- a. Firstly, it allows individuals to immerse themselves in different cultures.
- b. Ultimately, the adventure of traveling not only satisfies curiosity but also contributes significantly to personal development.
- c. Secondly, exploring new countries encourages personal growth.
- d. Traveling to a new country offers numerous benefits that enrich both the mind and spirit.
- e. Moreover, travel creates lasting memories and strengthens relationships.

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

Question 28 [1099370]:

- a. Taking a gap year can be a transformative experience that offers valuable opportunities for personal growth.
- b. This journey not only broadened my worldview but also helped me develop essential life skills, such as adaptability and problem-solving.
- c. During my time off, I traveled to various countries, immersing myself in different cultures and gaining valuable perspectives.
- d. I found that these experiences sparked a deep-seated enthusiasm for knowledge, compelling me to delve into my academic pursuits with greater intensity.
- e. Ultimately, taking a gap year allowed me to return with a renewed sense of purpose and clarity about my future.

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

- Question 35** [1099377]: A. to B. in C. on D. upon
- Question 36** [1099378]: A. and B. but C. so D. or
- Question 37** [1099379]: A. standby unnecessary appliances
B. unnecessary standby appliances
C. unnecessary appliances standbys
D. appliances unnecessary standby
- Question 38** [1099380]: A. another B. others C. the others D. other
- Question 39** [1099381]: A. applying B. subscribing C. contributing D. connecting
- Question 40** [1099382]: A. talk B. utterance C. say D. speaking

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Question 1 [1099383]: A. reaching B. to reach C. to reaching D. reaches

Question 2 [1099384]: A. get B. give C. take D. gain

Question 3 [1099385]: A. Selecting B. Which selecting
C. Selected D. Is selected

Question 4 [1099386]: A. with B. for C. over D. behind

Question 5 [1099387]: A. rap unique identity B. unique rap identity
C. identity rap unique D. unique identity rap

Question 6 [1099388]: A. passionate B. passionately C. passionless D. passion

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

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🌟 (9) _____ feedback: Our experienced judges will provide helpful feedback to help you improve and grow.

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(Adapted from BBC News)

Question 7 [1099389]: A. learn about B. identify with C. take on D. detract from

Question 8 [1099390]: A. expression B. perception C. extraction D. transition

Question 9 [1099391]: A. Eloquent B. Intricate C. Adaptable D. Constructive

Question 10 [1099392]: A. another B. other C. others D. the others

Question 11 [1099393]: A. nourished B. harnessed C. featured D. accumulated

Question 12 [1099394]: A. although B. so C. as D. but

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

Question 13 [1099395]:

a. Hoa: I wanted to get drinks for us, and he said I had jumped the queue. But people weren't standing in line at the bar.

b. Lan: Yes, I could see him having a go at you. What was the reason?

c. Hoa: That man at the bar got annoyed with me just now.

A. c-b-a

B. c-a-b

C. a-c-b

D. b-a-c

Question 14 [1099396]:

a. Rose: Are you a fortune teller or something? I will be promoted as the Sales Manager next month.

b. Daria: Congratulations. I think you deserved that. You tried really hard to increase the 40% earnings for your company this year. It's a great achievement.

c. Rose: Hey, Daria, we are going to hold a party in our company tonight. Would you like to join us?

d. Daria: Oh, what's the party for? A donation or to celebrate someone's promotion?

e. Rose: Thanks. In fact, I am just a workaholic. I'll see you tonight.

A. c-a-b-d-e

B. d-b-a-e-c

C. c-d-a-b-e

D. a-b-d-e-c

Question 15 [1099397]:

Dear Mrs. Susan,

- a. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your guidance during my internship.
- b. Your support has been invaluable in helping me navigate my responsibilities and develop my skills.
- c. While I'm eager to embrace new opportunities, I will always remember the lessons I learned under your supervision.
- d. I hope to stay in touch and share my progress with you!
- e. I am thankful for your willingness to share your expertise and provide constructive feedback on my work.

Sincerely,

Kate

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

Question 16 [1099398]:

- a. Tech-related jobs were the most popular career choice for teenagers (30%), while adults preferred education and healthcare (40%).
- b. On the other hand, only 5% of adults chose artistic careers, compared to 15% of teenagers.
- c. The chart illustrates the top career preferences among teenagers and working adults.
- d. Overall, teenagers showed more interest in modern and creative fields than adults.
- e. Both groups showed similar interest in government jobs (around 10%).

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

Question 17 [1099399]:

- a. Starting with Europe and Asia, the majority of tourists came from Europe in 1980, with about 10 million visitors, and this number rose steadily to around 20 million by 2000.
- b. Looking at the chart, the number of international visitors increased steadily across most regions, except for those from Oceania, which remained largely unchanged.
- c. In contrast, Asia started with only about 3 million tourists in 1980, but this figure grew consistently to 15 million by the end of the period.
- d. Meanwhile, the number of visitors from Oceania remained low, starting at about 1 million and fluctuating slightly without significant growth over the 30 years.
- e. It continued to climb and peaked at nearly 30 million in 2010.

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

Read the 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 18 to 25.

A group of visibly **zealous**, well-equipped young volunteers descends upon a remote village for a brief, intense period of activity. For a week, there is a meticulously scheduled flurry of work. They apply a fresh, vibrant coat of paint to the local schoolhouse, organize games, and teach rudimentary English songs to the children. Their energy is palpable and their intentions are sincere, creating an atmosphere of excitement and novelty. A week later, after a series of emotional farewells and group photographs, they depart as swiftly as they arrived.

In the quiet aftermath of their departure, the village headmaster scrutinizes the newly painted wall. He notes the superficial, uneven strokes in some places and a section near the foundation that was overlooked. A mental calculation is made; a local professional will need to be discreetly hired to apply a second, more durable coat before the monsoon season begins. It is a familiar, unspoken part of the routine. The contribution is acknowledged, but the work often has deficiencies that must be rectified.

The children in the classroom, now accustomed to these ephemeral waves of attention, ask when the next group of foreign visitors will arrive. **The local teacher fields the questions patiently, conscious of the potentially disruptive nature of forming such transient attachments.** Meanwhile, skilled local tradespeople who could have benefited from the income generated by the school repairs remain underemployed. The benevolent work of the volunteers has inadvertently displaced the economic opportunities of the very community **they** intended to help.

Back in their home countries, the volunteers share **effusive** testimonials about their "life-changing" experience, supported by a compelling narrative of photos and videos. For the village, however, the week was an entirely different kind of exchange. It was a logistical exercise in hospitality and accommodation, a brief, recurring interruption that brings with it a cosmetic upgrade. It also presents the complex, unspoken task of managing the well-meaning but often naive efforts of privileged outsiders.

(Adapted from *VietnamPlus*)

Question 18 [1099400]: The word **zealous** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. passionate B. sincere C. organized D. well-equipped

Question 19 [1099401]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an unspoken task or negative consequence that the village community must handle as a result of the volunteer visit?

- A. Rectifying the volunteers' deficient work
 B. The displacement of local economic opportunities
 C. Managing the transient attachments of the children
 D. An increase in requests for financial aid

Question 20 [1099402]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Understanding that creating such temporary bonds can be unsettling, the local teacher answers the questions with patience.
- B. The teacher's patient handling of questions makes him aware of the disruptive effects resulting from forming such temporary attachments.
- C. The local teacher uses patience as a tool when fielding questions, to manage the disruptive attachments his presence might form.
- D. The teacher is patient as he is conscious that the questions themselves are transient and attachments to them can be disruptive.

Question 21 [1099403]: The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. skilled local tradespeople
- B. economic opportunities
- C. the volunteers
- D. the community

Question 22 [1099404]: The word **effusive** in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. restrained
- B. critical
- C. factual
- D. humble

Question 23 [1099405]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The life-changing experience reported by volunteers might be directly related to the deep, lasting attachments they form with the local children.
- B. The recurring volunteer projects have created a cycle of economic dependency, rendering the village reliant on future outside assistance.
- C. For the village, hosting the volunteers will be a welcome economic opportunity that offsets the loss of income for local tradespeople.
- D. The cosmetic improvements provided by the volunteers may require subsequent corrective work from local professionals to ensure their durability.

Question 24 [1099406]: Which paragraph mentions the volunteer activity resulting in lost income for local residents?

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

Question 25 [1099407]: Which paragraph mentions a mismatch between the participants' perceived experience and the community's reality?

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

Read the 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 26 to 35.

A 2024 study on personal relationships delivered a stark finding: young adults today have, on average, one fewer close confidante than their counterparts a decade ago. The erosion of these deep, reciprocal bonds is not occurring in a vacuum, but coincides with a **precipitous** rise in the hours people spend immersed in solo entertainment and engaging

with online creators. [I] The two phenomena are not merely parallel trends; they are intimately linked, representing a fundamental reconfiguration of modern companionship. The very definition of what it means to be "together" has been quietly altered, shifting from active participation to ambient, optional presence.

The underlying structure of the modern digital ecosystem is now almost entirely engineered for the individual. Algorithmically personalized feeds and near-infinite streaming libraries create perfectly curated, solitary experiences. Such consumption requires none of the difficult, messy work of a real-world friendship, which is often inconvenient and demands patience, compromise, and genuine vulnerability. [II] Sociologists and neuroscientists now argue that the brain can become habituated to the constant, low-friction satisfaction of this digital ecosystem. **Over time, the demanding labor of building and maintaining authentic bonds can feel less appealing and more strenuous by comparison, subtly retraining our social instincts.**

Parasocial relationships emerge to fill this social gap—the one-sided connections viewers form with online personalities. Creators on platforms like Twitch and YouTube have mastered a form of performative intimacy, sharing personal anecdotes and responding to comments in real-time to foster a potent sense of community and individual recognition. Beneath the surface of this perceived friendship lies a sophisticated business model where intimacy itself is the product, monetized through subscriptions and donations. [III] Viewers receive many of the emotional benefits of companionship without the weight of mutual obligation; **their** interaction is stable, predictable, and always available on demand.

The long-term outcome of exchanging deep, reciprocal relationships for these shallower, transactional connections is a subject of growing concern. While millions find real comfort in the immediacy of parasocial interactions, the potential risk is a gradual decline in essential social skills. The skills required for true human connection—navigating conflict, tolerating boredom, practicing empathy—are not exercised in these one-way dynamics. [IV] A central, unsettling question remains for our increasingly online society: can a genuine sense of community be sustained when our primary social interactions are with personalities we pay for, but do not actually know?

(Adapted from *Frontiers*)

Question 26 [1099408]: According to paragraph 1, the nature of social connection in modern times _____.

- A. involves an erosion of deep bonds directly caused by solo entertainment
- B. is a reconfiguration driven by the rise of engagement with online creators
- C. is characterized by less active involvement and a more detached connection
- D. means that today's young adults typically have a single close confidante

Question 27 [1099409]: The word **precipitous** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. hasty
- B. steady
- C. worrying
- D. abrupt

Question 28 [1099410]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. The difficult work of creating and sustaining real connections can, over time, seem less desirable and more tiresome, subtly reshaping our innate social behaviors.
- B. As our social instincts are subtly retrained over time, the hard work of building and maintaining genuine personal bonds begins to feel more strenuous by comparison.
- C. Over time, the demanding labor of forming real relationships can both feel more strenuous by comparison and also subtly retrain our deep-seated social instincts.
- D. Authentic bonds, which require demanding labor to build and maintain, become less appealing and more strenuous over time, subtly retraining our social instincts.

Question 29 [1099411]: Which of the following is NOT listed in the passage as a demanding component of a real-world friendship?

- A. Patience
- B. Compromise
- C. Convenience
- D. Genuine vulnerability

Question 30 [1099412]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Online personalities often build one-sided bonds by intentionally manipulating their audiences with a contrived form of familiarity, a business model that capitalizes on a viewer's desire for a personal connection.
- B. A lack of real-world friendship is the direct cause of the growth of parasocial bonds, where online figures offer a stable and monetized type of companionship that is less difficult than more traditional relationships.
- C. One-way connections with online figures arise to meet social needs, where content creators cultivate a fabricated sense of friendship, providing emotional fulfillment to viewers without any reciprocal demands.
- D. Online creators build one-way connections using specific platform tools like live-streaming chats to foster a monetized sense of belonging that gives viewers the feeling of friendship without any of the usual duties.

Question 31 [1099413]: According to the passage, the concept of “performative intimacy” is mentioned as _____.

- A. a potent sense of community and individual recognition
- B. the product that is monetized through subscriptions and donations
- C. the stable and predictable nature of one-sided online connections
- D. the method used by creators to simulate a reciprocal friendship

Question 32 [1099414]: The word **their** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. products
- B. emotional benefits
- C. subscriptions
- D. viewers

Question 33 [1099415]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The one-sided nature of parasocial relationships means they do not provide opportunities to develop the reciprocal skills essential for real-world friendships.
- B. The business model of parasocial relationships requires online creators to simulate intimacy with their audience while avoiding genuine emotional connection.
- C. For many people, the comfort found in parasocial relationships serves as a healthy and sufficient substitute for the demands of real-world friendships.
- D. The personalized digital ecosystem was developed by technology companies to meet a rising demand for solo entertainment from socially isolated young adults.

Question 34 [1099416]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

The resulting deficit in social competencies has profound implications for society.

- A. [I]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [IV]

Question 35 [1099417]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The decline in close friendships is linked to a digital ecosystem that makes real bonds feel strenuous, creating a social void now filled by one-sided parasocial relationships, which may hinder the development of crucial social skills.
- B. Young adults are consciously opting out of demanding real-world friendships for the low-friction digital ecosystem and the predictable companionship of parasocial relationships, a choice that may lead to a decline in their social skills.
- C. The rise of online creators offering performative intimacy is a direct cause of declining real friendships, since the appeal of parasocial bonds retracts social instincts and may erode the skills needed for a genuine human connection.
- D. The shift from real friendships to solo entertainment has created a social gap now profitably filled by parasocial relationships, a business model that is a major revenue source for the digital platforms and a concern for sociologists.

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

The term "learning loss" has become a central point of contention in post-pandemic educational discourse. The concept itself involves more than just missed classroom hours; it entails assessing the disruption to social-emotional development, measuring cognitive setbacks in core subjects, a task that in itself requires nuanced statistical modeling, and (36) _____, a multifaceted diagnostic challenge that has left policymakers grappling for effective solutions.

While the idea that school closures had negative effects is widely accepted, a consensus built from global observation, quantifying the precise extent of this "loss" is notoriously difficult, (37) _____. The data is often inconsistent, making it challenging to form a clear, universally applicable picture of the problem.

Many governments, citing alarming statistics, have launched large-scale tutoring and "catch-up" programs. (38) _____. Such initiatives operate on the premise that the lost time is a deficit that can, and must, be filled with accelerated instruction.

Conversely, some educational theorists challenge the very framework of "loss". (39) _____. This perspective suggests that focusing on "loss" ignores the resilience and novel skills, such as self-management and digital literacy, that students may have acquired during the period of remote learning.

A constructive path forward, one that moves beyond this polarized debate, must therefore integrate the immediate allocation of resources for academic support, which is the most commonly proposed solution, (40) _____ that addresses the deep-seated inequities the pandemic so starkly exposed.

(Adapted from *Springer*)

Question 36 [1099418]:

- A. quantifies the impactful disproportion faced by disadvantaged students
- B. the impact of quantifying the disproportionate disadvantages of students
- C. quantifying the disproportionate impact on disadvantaged students
- D. that the disproportionate impact on disadvantaged students is quantified

Question 37 [1099419]:

- A. in order that academic setbacks have socio-emotional impacts that are nearly impossible to separate
- B. assuming that the socio-emotional impossibility of separating academic impacts from setbacks
- C. on condition that the separation of academics from socio-emotional impacts is a nearly impossible setback
- D. given that it is nearly impossible to separate academic setbacks from socio-emotional impacts

Question 38 [1099420]:

- A. People argue that long-term gaps in reading and math skills are economically consequential to their measurement
- B. The long-term economic consequences of these gaps in reading and math skills are, arguably, the measurement itself
- C. The consequence of this argument is economically measuring the long-term gaps in reading and math skills
- D. The argument is that these measurable gaps in reading and math skills will have long-term economic consequences

Question 39 [1099421]:

- A. Overlooking student well-being is posited as harmfully creating a deficient mindset about the term
- B. The harm created by this deficient mindset, they posit, is the term's oversight of student well-being
- C. The creation of the term itself is posited as a harmful oversight of student well-being and a deficit mindset
- D. They posit that the term itself creates a harmful deficit mindset that overlooks student well-being

Question 40 [1099422]:

- A. a commitment to restructure the foundation of inequitable policies
- B. founding inequitable policies on a commitment to restructuring
- C. with a foundational commitment to restructuring inequitable policies
- D. and a policy commitment to restructuring foundational inequity

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Read the 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 1 to 8.

Cities can feel like pressure cookers—crowded, noisy, relentless. Yet, something’s shifting. Mental health campaigns are popping up, not with stuffy PSAs but with grit and heart, turning urban chaos into spaces where people can breathe easier. Picture this: a mural in Hanoi’s Old Quarter with a hotline number in bold colors, or a pop-up tent in a Ho Chi Minh City park offering free coffee and a chat about stress.

These efforts kicked off with **scrappy** community groups tired of silence around mental health. Now, they’re slicker—apps like MindHaven link you to nearby mindfulness meetups or anonymous chatrooms where you can **spill** your worries without a name. Users pitch ideas for events, like late-night walks or art therapy jams, and vote on what’s next. A 2024 report showed 30% more city dwellers reached out for counseling after stumbling across these campaigns, a sign **they**’re hitting home. It’s less about preaching and more about meeting people where they are—on their phones, in their neighborhoods.

Workplaces are stepping up, too, but forget generic wellness talks. Smart apps now let employees log their mood (optional, of course), spotting stress spikes before they crash. **Managers use the data to ease workloads or slip in a mental health day, keeping teams sharp.** Firms using these tools saw a 12% dip in sick leave last year, plus happier staff who actually want to show up. It’s incisive, not indulgent—resources are deployed with precision to where they’re most needed.

Social media’s the megaphone. Local influencers share unpolished stories of their lows, sparking threads that light up feeds. Organizers watch what clicks—likes, shares, comments—and tweak events to keep the vibe fresh. Every interaction shapes the next move, making campaigns feel alive. Cities are starting to feel less lonely, as strangers connect over shared struggles, one post or park bench at a time.

(Adapted from *psychologytoday.com*)

Question 1 [1099423]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 2 as a feature of mental health apps?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. linking to mindfulness meetups | B. offering free therapy sessions |
| C. hosting anonymous chatrooms | D. allowing event idea voting |

Question 2 [1099424]: The word **scrappy** in paragraph 2 most closely means _____.

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| A. determined | B. chaotic | C. impoverished | D. disjointed |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|

Question 3 [1099425]: The word in **spill** paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| A. reveal | B. inform | C. conceal | D. disrupt |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|

Question 4 [1099426]: The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. city dwellers B. campaigns C. apps D. events

Question 5 [1099427]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. By utilizing the data, managers can lighten duties or allow a mental health day, helping staff stay mentally alert.
 B. The information helps supervisors cut down on tasks or include a mental health day, maintaining team productivity.
 C. Managers rely on insights to adjust workloads or insert a mental health day, making group performance better.
 D. Accessing the data, managers can help overcome stress or schedule a mental health day, ensuring team efficiency.

Question 6 [1099428]: Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 4?

- A. Organizers have a tendency to adjust local events to how local influencers respond to posts online.
 B. People sometimes connect with strangers by sharing their hardships through public spaces or media.
 C. Social media helps amplify local stories that show people eager to share their difficult moments.
 D. Online engagement patterns will subtly manipulate the direction of ongoing grassroots activities.

Question 7 [1099429]: Which paragraph mentions how feedback is used to improve future initiatives?

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

Question 8 [1099430]: Which paragraph implies that shared decisions are guided by people's choices?

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

Read the following leaflet 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 9 to 14.

How to Embrace Cultural Diversity

Exploring and appreciating cultural diversity can enrich your life and broaden your perspective. Here are some tips to help you engage (9) _____ cultural activities meaningfully:

- Visit museums or cultural festivals to learn about traditions from around the world.
- Keep a journal to reflect on your experiences, (10) _____ you can share your insights with others later.
- Participate in community events, such as traditional dance workshops or cooking classes featuring (11) _____.

Question 17 [1099439]:

Dear Sarah,

- a. What I love about it is that it offers a more engaging and hands-on experience, making learning feel less like a task and more like an adventure.
- b. Recently, I came across an exciting new method of learning that I think you'd find interesting - interactive tools like virtual reality.
- c. I think this could be a great addition to your studies, and I'd love to hear your thoughts on it!
- d. It's a great way to deepen your understanding and improve retention.
- e. With this method, you can delve into different scenarios, like exploring ancient civilizations or experimenting with scientific concepts.

Best regards,

James

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

Question 18 [1099440]:

- a. Furthermore, blended learning adapts to various learning styles by incorporating different teaching techniques.
- b. It allows students can attend lectures in person and then complete assignments online at their own pace.
- c. Blended Learning is a method that combines traditional classroom instruction with online educational tools, providing a flexible approach to learning.
- d. This method allows students to benefit from face-to-face interaction with teachers while also taking advantage of the vast resources available on the internet.
- e. The result is an educational experience that is both personalized and accessible, catering to the diverse needs of students.

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

Question 19 [1099441]:

- a. Additionally, incorporating students' interests into their studies helps keep them motivated and engaged.
- b. This method allows learners to work at their own pace, ensuring that they fully grasp each concept before moving on.
- c. With personalized learning, education becomes more inclusive, giving all students the tools they need to thrive.
- d. With the advancement of technology, personalized learning has become an increasingly popular approach in education.
- e. By analyzing data, teachers can tailor lessons to suit the unique strengths and challenges of each student.

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

Read the 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 20 to 29.

In marginalized urban areas, economic hardship often nudges young people toward crime. Where quality education is a luxury and stable jobs are rare, teenagers may resort to petty theft or vandalism as a means of coping or asserting themselves. **[I]** A 2023 study highlights that youth in low-income districts are 28% more likely to offend than those in affluent areas. However, poverty alone doesn't dictate outcomes. Some youths resist temptation, influenced by personal grit or fleeting opportunities, which reveals the intricate web of factors at play.

When families falter, the risk of juvenile delinquency spikes. Homes plagued by parental neglect, substance abuse, or domestic tension often leave young people adrift, seeking belonging elsewhere. Gangs seize this chance, offering a sense of belonging and respect that draws youths into dangerous activities. Research indicates 60% of juvenile offenders come from unstable homes, yet others in similar situations stay out of trouble. **[II]** A teacher's encouragement or a stable relative can sometimes make all the difference, proving how thin the divide is between a lawful path and one leading to crime.

The digital world has opened new avenues for youth crime, amplifying its reach. Social media platforms showcase **lavish** lifestyles tied to illegal acts—drug sales, fraud, or hacking—enticing impressionable teens. A 2024 report noted a 14% surge in cybercrimes by youths, driven by accessible tools and encrypted networks that simplify illicit ventures. Far from passive influence, these platforms provide step-by-step guidance, lowering the threshold for delinquency. Teens, eager for status or quick money, find the allure hard to resist, especially when role models are scarce. **[III]**

This issue carries weight because it threatens both communities and the youths themselves. **[IV] Each offense—whether a minor theft or a violent act—strains public safety and risks locking teens into a cycle of reoffending.** The economic toll is steep: incarceration costs billions annually, while the human cost—a generation's lost potential—is immeasurable. Tougher penalties alone won't solve this. Early intervention, through accessible education, mental health support, and community programs, offers a chance to redirect young lives before they spiral. Ignoring this crisis only deepens its scars, for individuals and society alike.

(Adapted from *Solutions*)

Question 20 [1099442]: According to paragraph 1, that some young individuals maintain self-control in the face of delinquency despite growing up amid deprivation may result from _____.

- A. hope to access reliable jobs and adequate schooling in poor areas
- B. a lower tendency toward rebellion among disadvantaged youths
- C. brief opportunities or a strong sense of personal resolve
- D. higher exposure to crime statistics that warn them of consequences

Question 21 [1099443]: According to the passage, what role do gangs play in the lives of youths from troubled homes?

- A. They appear to offer emotional security and recognition
- B. They draw youths into illegal and dangerous activities
- C. They demand loyalty in exchange for material benefits
- D. They bring young people a sense of respect and empowerment

Question 22 [1099444]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Youths from chaotic households may find solace in gang culture, though occasional control from adults can still prevent their descent into crime.
- B. Unstable family settings, when coupled with emotional neglect, often steer teens toward illegal acts as a means of finding identity.
- C. While family dysfunction is a strong risk factor for delinquency, the presence of a mentor or caring figure can significantly alter a young person's path.
- D. Homes marked by disorder or addiction tend to produce juvenile offenders, although gang influence remains the more prominent driver behind youth crime.

Question 23 [1099445]: The word **lavish** in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. overly luxurious
- B. morally uplifting
- C. extremely rich
- D. unusually wealthy

Question 24 [1099446]: According to the passage, what makes it easier for teens to commit cybercrimes today?

- A. The lack of consistent monitoring from online authorities
- B. The widespread use of phones and computers for illegal activity
- C. The presence of simplified digital tools and secret networks
- D. The lack of care from family members regarding online behaviors

Question 25 [1099447]: The phrase **This issue** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. Prison reform
- B. Youth cybercrime
- C. Family instability
- D. Youth crime

Question 26 [1099448]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. No matter how small or severe, each criminal act puts a burden on safety efforts and may lead young people into repeated trouble with the law.
- B. Every unlawful action, from petty theft to aggression, can put public safety at risk and entrench teenagers into a recurring cycle of delinquency.
- C. Any wrongdoing—be it low-level or extreme—can stretch law enforcement resources and expose youths to criminal behavior in the long run.
- D. From slight offenses to harsh ones, each case adds pressure to security systems and could trap teenagers in more severe legal consequences.

Question 27 [1099449]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Teenagers influenced by online content may turn to crime after gradually normalizing deviant behavior.
- B. Those from chaotic homes are likely to be involved in gangs as a means of self-expression and respect.
- C. Youths with limited adult support may react in distinct ways depending on which forces surround them.
- D. Young individuals from troubled areas tend to engage in crime after struggling to lead a lavish lifestyle.

Question 28 [1099450]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Perhaps the most quietly corrosive force is the lack of guidance.

- A. [IV] B. [III] C. [II] D. [I]

Question 29 [1099451]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. In disadvantaged settings, young people exposed to unstable homes and absent supervision may fall into crime, especially when few boundaries or support systems are present.
- B. Juvenile delinquency often stems from a subtle interplay between external hardship and internal vulnerability, requiring more than enforcement alone to be addressed.
- C. Teen misconduct is shaped by disrupted family bonds and alluring online content, though stronger community safeguards might help limit harmful behaviour over time.
- D. Urban youth crime frequently reflects the impact of social neglect and unfulfilled needs, yet long-term solutions remain difficult to scale within rigid institutions.

Read the following article 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 30 to 35.

EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE WITH SAMSUNG GALAXY S25 ULTRA

Introducing the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra – a technological marvel designed to elevate your mobile experience to new heights. With its stunning 6.8-inch Dynamic AMOLED display, every image is (30) _____ to life in vibrant, lifelike detail. The 200MP camera offers unparalleled (31) _____ capabilities, allowing you to capture moments with exceptional clarity and precision, whether in bright daylight or low light conditions. (32) _____ by the latest Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 processor, the S25 Ultra delivers lightning-fast performance, ensuring smooth multitasking and seamless gaming. Its sleek, premium design is complemented by an all-day battery life, providing you with the freedom to stay connected without (33) _____. The S25 Ultra also boasts innovative features like 5G connectivity, enhanced security with an in-play scanner fingerprint, and a 100x Space Zoom lens for exploring the world with new perspectives. Whether for work, entertainment, or creativity, the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra is the perfect companion for those (34) _____ demand nothing less than perfection. (35) _____ the future with the Galaxy S25 Ultra today.

(Adapted from Telestra Personal)

- Question 30** [1099452]: A. done B. brought C. paid D. tried
- Question 31** [1099453]: A. photography B. photographer
C. photograph D. photographic
- Question 32** [1099454]: A. Powering B. Powered
C. To be powered D. Having been powered
- Question 33** [1099455]: A. innovation B. interruption C. integration D. migration
- Question 34** [1099456]: A. where B. that C. who D. whose
- Question 35** [1099457]: A. Give in B. Ramp up C. Cope with D. Step into

Read the following passage 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 36 to 40.

Crafting a personal study schedule is a sophisticated and deeply individualized endeavor, shaped by unique academic aspirations, time limitations, and preferred learning approaches. Some students approach this task with exhaustive exploration, delving into a diverse array of study techniques to identify those best suited to their objectives, (36) _____. Others, pressed by time constraints or focused on swift progress, (37) _____, favoring simplicity over a comprehensive review of all available methods. This approach, often termed a streamlined study strategy, emphasizes efficiency, allowing students to integrate their schedules seamlessly into demanding daily routines, ensuring sustained academic focus and productivity.

Many learners establish fixed routines, adhering to consistent study methods that remain stable over time, finding reassurance in their predictability and structured framework. (38) _____. Additionally, students who experience success with specific techniques often return to them repeatedly, valuing their reliability and familiarity, which bolster confidence and foster steady progress in their academic endeavors, reinforcing their commitment to long-term learning goals.

Finally, some students adopt study methods spontaneously, embracing techniques without prior planning, which can lead to unpredictable outcomes and inconsistent academic results. (39) _____. Nevertheless, spontaneous study habits may reflect the reality of fast-paced learning environments where adaptability is key. (40) _____, especially when brief, intensive study sessions or workshops are introduced to sharpen focus and accelerate learning progress within a condensed timeframe.

(Adapted from *ResearchGate*)

Question 36 [1099458]:

- A. all of which are examined closely for their relevance and efficacy
- B. when they are closely examined for relevance and efficacy
- C. each of them goes through close examination for relevance and efficacy
- D. those with relevance and efficacy will be examined closely

Question 37 [1099459]:

- A. be intentional to limit themselves to a few carefully chosen methods
- B. limits themselves to a few carefully chosen methods intentionally
- C. will intentionally limit themselves to a few carefully chosen methods
- D. a few carefully chosen methods are themselves intentionally limited

Question 38 [1099460]:

- A. Specifically, this approach is common among steadfast students in their learning
- B. Commonly, this is a steadfast approach to learning, specifically among students
- C. Among specific students, this approach is commonly steadfast to their learning
- D. This is a common and specific approach among students to steadfast learning

Question 39 [1099461]:

- A. While these behaviors are typically found in less disciplined study methods, they often lack consistent structure.
- B. Less disciplined study methods, which are typically behaviors found in such students, often lack consistency in structure.
- C. These behaviors are typical of study methods that are less disciplined and often show a lack of structured consistency.
- D. It is typical for methods of study lacking structure to show these behaviors, which are less consistent in disciplined students.

Question 40 [1099462]:

- A. Such swift learning is an essential trait in certain settings
- B. So essential is such learning trait that it is swift in settings
- C. Such trait is so swift that it is essential in learning settings
- D. So swift a learning trait is essential in certain settings, yet

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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 1 to 6.

■ DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE MACBOOK PRO! ■

Are you looking (1) _____ a laptop that keeps up with the latest trends and technology? The MacBook Pro is designed to help you succeed, offering incredible speed and power for any (2) _____. You should consider (3) _____ to this cutting-edge device to unlock a new level of productivity and creativity. It also features an impressive battery life so that you can stay productive all day. If you (4) _____ a purchase online, you'll enjoy an exclusive discount! Plus, the product (5) _____ will be delivered right to your doorstep for your (6) _____. Whether you're working on complex analyses or creating stunning designs, the MacBook Pro has everything you need to excel.

Question 1 [1099463]: A. at B. forward C. up D. for

Question 2 [1099464]: A. research demanding project

B. project research demanding

C. demanding research project

D. demanding project research

Question 3 [1099465]: A. upgrade B. upgrading C. to upgrade D. to upgrading

Question 4 [1099466]: A. take B. get C. make D. do

Question 5 [1099467]: A. ordered B. is ordered

C. which ordered D. ordering

Question 6 [1099468]: A. convenient B. convenience

C. conveniently D. inconvenient

Read the following leaflet 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 7 to 12.

A Greener Planet Starts with Us: Small Actions, Big Impacts

Why Should We Act?

Our planet faces multiple environmental challenges, from climate change to resource depletion. Therefore, (7)_____ action, no matter how small, can contribute to a noticeable positive impact.

Actions You Can Take to Help the Environment:

- Cut down on single-use plastics and (8)_____ them with reusable alternatives.
- Switch off appliances when they are not in use to lower energy (9)_____.

Question 15 [1099477]:

- a. The Winter Festival is a magical event where the entire town lights up with decorations and glowing lanterns.
- b. I hope you'll be able to join and share this special experience with me.
- c. I thought I'd drop you a line to see if you'd like to come over for the Winter Festival in my hometown, which takes place on December 10th.
- d. While you're here, we can explore the local Christmas markets together and enjoy a cozy evening by the fireplace.
- e. There will be an ice-skating rink, live music performances, and plenty of food stalls serving delicious treats like hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts.

A. d - e - c - b - a

B. c - a - e - d - b

C. b - c - e - d - a

D. a - e - d - c - b

Question 16 [1099478]:

- a. One of the most memorable moments was when I helped a struggling student improve their grades through consistent mentoring, which made me realize the impact of patience and encouragement.
- b. I had the opportunity to support students in their learning journey, whether it was clarifying complex concepts or offering guidance on assignments.
- c. Overall, this experience not only strengthened my passion for teaching but also prepared me for future challenges in a professional setting.
- d. At the same time, the role taught me invaluable skills like communication, time management, and adaptability, as I had to juggle multiple responsibilities.
- e. Working as a teaching assistant has been one of the most fulfilling and transformative experiences in both my academic and personal life.

A. b - e - d - a - c

B. a - d - e - b - c

C. d - a - b - e - c

D. e - b - a - d - c

Question 17 [1099479]:

- a. Online learning has transformed education, allowing students to access courses and materials from the comfort of their own homes.
- b. The vast array of digital resources, such as recorded lectures and interactive tools, allows learners to revisit and explore concepts at their own pace.
- c. However, the lack of face-to-face interaction and structured schedules can sometimes lead to feelings of isolation and difficulties in staying motivated over time.
- d. This mode of learning offers unparalleled flexibility, enabling individuals to balance their studies with work, family, or other personal commitments.
- e. Many students also appreciate the opportunity to connect with peers and instructors from around the world, creating a more diverse and enriching learning environment.

A. a - d - b - e - c

B. a - c - e - d - b

C. a - e - c - b - d

D. a - b - d - c - e

Read the following passage 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.

The idea that we can control our dreams through a technique known as "lucid dreaming" (18) _____. In a lucid dream, the sleeper becomes aware that they are dreaming and can actively influence what happens, from flying to creating breathtaking adventures. This concept has captured the curiosity of scientists and dreamers alike. Research on lucid dreaming is now gaining broad-based support from highly respected scientists (19) _____.

Lucid dreaming is not just about experiencing mind-blowing adventures; it has practical applications as well. (20) _____. Studies have shown that practicing skills in lucid dreams can result in better performance in real life the next day. This makes lucid dreaming not only an exciting phenomenon but also a tool for personal development and self-improvement.

Interestingly, well-known athletes have incorporated lucid dreaming into their routines to achieve record-breaking performances. (21) _____. This highlights the potential for lucid dreaming to play a role in professional success across various fields.

Fortunately, you don't need to be an expert to experience lucid dreaming. Half-hearted attempts, however, won't yield results. (22) _____, you can train your mind to increase awareness during sleep and take control of your dreams. By using techniques like reality checks, anyone can unlock the incredible possibilities that lucid dreaming offers with consistent effort.

Question 18 [1099480]:

- A. that sounded like something out of a sci-fi movie
- B. which sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie
- C. sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie
- D. sounding like something out of a sci-fi movie

Question 19 [1099481]:

- A. argue that it may not be as far-fetched as it initially seems
- B. who argue that it may not be as far-fetched as it initially seems
- C. conclude that it may not be as far-fetched as it initially seems
- D. whose argument that it may not be as far-fetched as it initially seems

Question 20 [1099482]:

- A. Intending to improve skills such as playing musical instruments or enhancing public speaking, it has been used
- B. Playing musical instruments or enhancing public speaking allows people to use it to improve their skills
- C. The improvement in skills like playing musical instruments or enhancing public speaking makes people use it
- D. People have used it to improve skills such as playing musical instruments or enhancing public speaking

Question 21 [1099483]:

- A. By visualizing and rehearsing their actions in a dream state, they can enhance their focus and refine their techniques
- B. They can enhance their focus and refine their techniques so that their actions in a dream state can be visualized and rehearsed
- C. Enhancing their focus and refining their technique, their actions in a dream state can be visualized and rehearsed
- D. Without visualizing and rehearsing their actions in a dream state, they can enhance their focus and refine their techniques

Question 22 [1099484]:

- A. You keep a dream journal and practice mindfulness
- B. Keeping a dream journal and practicing mindfulness
- C. Being kept in a dream journal and practicing mindfulness
- D. A dream journal and practicing mindfulness should be kept

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 23 to 30.

Every year, researchers rank cities worldwide based on their quality of life. These rankings consider factors such as low crime rates, efficient healthcare systems, and reliable public transportation. Cities that score high often feature **abundant** green spaces, cultural landmarks, and favorable weather. A clean environment and a sense of safety also contribute significantly to how people perceive their living conditions. For many, these elements define what it means to live in a "good" city.

However, life in even the most livable cities is not without challenges. Housing affordability, traffic congestion, and work-related stress are common issues faced by residents. Furthermore, a significant portion of the global population lives in cities where quality of life is much lower, often due to poverty and lack of access to basic services. For these communities, improving living standards within **their** existing environment is often a more realistic solution than relocation.

A unique example of grassroots action comes from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **Concerned about the lack of recreational spaces, a group of residents transformed an abandoned lot into a vibrant community garden.** They planted flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees, creating a space where locals could relax and connect. This initiative not only improved the environment but also strengthened social bonds, showing how small actions can have a big impact.

Another inspiring story is that of John and Maria Gonzalez, who live in a small town in Spain. Frustrated by food waste in their area, they started an initiative to **distribute** surplus food to those in need. Their idea quickly gained attention, and now volunteers from nearby towns join in weekly food drives. Motivated by their success, the community demonstrates how local efforts can inspire broader change and enhance quality of life for everyone involved.

Read the 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 31 to 40.

A vibrant chorus of insect life, now conspicuously absent from much of Britain's intensively managed farmland, resonates across the Knepp Estate in West Sussex. Herds of longhorn cattle navigate through thorny scrubland, and Exmoor ponies graze near foraging Tamworth pigs. To the uninitiated observer, the landscape might appear neglected, a mosaic of seemingly unmanaged habitats. This, however, is a deliberate and celebrated outcome of one of Europe's most paradigm-shifting experiments in "rewilding." For two decades, this expanse has eschewed conventional agriculture, allowing autarkic, natural processes to dictate the restoration of a functioning ecosystem. [I]

The project's inception was a pragmatic response to the economic unviability of the estate's previous farming operations. Landowners Sir Charles Burrell and Isabella Tree opted to collaborate with nature rather than command **it**, a decision that has yielded results nothing short of remarkable. Ecologists globally are drawn to Knepp, now a crucial stronghold for species facing extirpation. The estate is a vital breeding ground for the purple emperor butterfly and offers a sanctuary for the turtle dove, a bird whose population has otherwise plummeted across the UK. [II]

This ecological renaissance, however, exists in proximity to a **palpable** friction within the established rural community. Beyond Knepp's borders, conventional agriculture perseveres, and the rewilding philosophy engenders considerable skepticism. [III] The decommissioning of what is seen as productive agricultural land is considered indefensible by some, a perspective emblematic of a broader, often acrimonious national debate on land use and food sovereignty in an era of precarious supply chains.

Proponents of rewilding contend that such criticisms are myopic. **They posit that generations of intensive agriculture have precipitated severe ecological degradation, which in itself constitutes a long-term threat to food security.** [IV] The Knepp experiment provides compelling evidence that ecosystem recovery can occur with astounding velocity. It demonstrates that nature, when unimpeded, can deliver indispensable services—from water purification and pollination to carbon sequestration—with an efficacy that technological solutions cannot replicate. The salient question, therefore, is not whether we can afford to embrace rewilding, but whether we can afford its alternative.

(Adapted from *Solutions*)

Question 31 [1099493]: According to paragraph 1, the landscape at the Knepp Estate _____.

- A. appears neglected to observers uninterested in its rewilding goals
- B. is the intentional result of yielding control to natural processes
- C. functions as a sanctuary for the conservation of rare animal breeds
- D. has its ecosystem restored by the foraging actions of its animals

Question 32 [1099494]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 1?

- A. A once-ordinary farm has been reconfigured to mirror a historic, pre-farming landscape, creating an untamed scene that challenges modern rural aesthetics.
- B. What may appear neglected is actually the deliberate result of allowing natural succession to guide the land's transition towards a dense, wooded state.
- C. Stepping back from intensive farming, the Knepp Estate now champions a conservation-led grazing model that results in a complex, yet disordered, landscape.
- D. Abandoning traditional agriculture, Knepp has given way to complex habitats governed by natural systems, even if its appearance suggests disorder.

Question 33 [1099495]: Which of the following animals is NOT mentioned as being present on the Knepp Estate?

- A. Exmoor ponies
- B. Tamworth pigs
- C. Red deer
- D. Turtle doves

Question 34 [1099496]: The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Isabella Tree
- B. inception
- C. economic unviability
- D. nature

Question 35 [1099497]: The word **palpable** in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. easily perceived
- B. potentially destructive
- C. persistently present
- D. deeply divisive

Question 36 [1099498]: According to the passage, the presence of longhorn cattle and Tamworth pigs at Knepp is presented as evidence of _____.

- A. a pragmatic response to the economic unviability of the estate's farming
- B. an attempt to restore the historical appearance of a traditional English estate
- C. the integration of conventional agriculture within the rewilded area
- D. a strategy using domestic breeds to replicate the functions of natural processes

Question 37 [1099499]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. They argue that prolonged intensive farming has degraded ecosystems, thereby jeopardizing food stability long term.
- B. It is their view that extended agricultural pressure has caused harm to nature and may disrupt future food access.
- C. They believe that years of intensive farming have triggered a serious decline, which now threatens stable food supplies.
- D. According to them, ongoing harsh cultivation has weakened ecosystems, placing lasting strain on food security.

Question 38 [1099500]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Some conservationists see Knepp as proof that rewilding works best when applied to farmland close to extinction zones.
- B. The ecological health of Knepp has benefited from removing the conventional farming methods previously used on the estate.
- C. The species now thriving at Knepp had long been absent across the UK due to both external and internal factors.
- D. Opponents of rewilding believe the model works in theory but lacks practical use during times of supply instability.

Question 39 [1099501]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Yet such ecological triumphs often mask underlying social tensions.

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 40 [1099502]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. The Knepp Estate's shift to rewilding has sparked national friction over land use, as its ecological revival questions long-held assumptions about food and farming.
- B. The project's shift from economic hardship to ecological vibrancy serves as a case study, sparking debate on how its grazing principles complement traditional farming.
- C. By replacing farming with ecological recovery, Knepp shows what nature can restore unaided, but raises concerns about how widely such models should be applied.
- D. The ecological gains at Knepp have intensified a societal conflict, weighing the intrinsic value of nature against the region's established agricultural economy.

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Read the following piece of news 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.

The International Space Station: A Home in Orbit

The International Space Station (ISS) is a large spacecraft that orbits Earth, serving as a home for astronauts and a unique science laboratory. It is a joint project involving a (1) _____ of different space agencies, including NASA (USA), Roscosmos (Russia), JAXA (Japan), ESA (Europe), and CSA (Canada).

This station is a shining example of international (2) _____, where people from different countries live and work together. As a state-of-the-art laboratory (3) _____ for microgravity research, the ISS allows scientists to conduct experiments that are impossible on Earth.

Astronauts aboard the ISS can spend many months in space, (4) _____ provides valuable data on how long-term spaceflight affects the human body. The scale of this collaborative project was truly (5) _____, representing a major milestone in space exploration. Every day, the crew members must (6) _____ a series of checks to maintain the station's systems.

(Adapted from *Space*)

Question 1 [1099503]: A. handful B. deal C. couple D. number

Question 2 [1099504]: A. cooperate B. cooperative
C. cooperatively D. cooperation

Question 3 [1099505]: A. designed B. designing
C. which designed D. has designed

Question 4 [1099506]: A. that B. which C. who D. whose

Question 5 [1099507]: A. conducive B. impressive C. successive D. intensive

Question 6 [1099508]: A. go through B. look through C. pass through D. see through

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

Question 7 [1099509]:

- a. The launch of the first satellite in 1957 was the monumental first step that turned this ancient dream into a tangible reality.
- b. The reality, however, was that this achievement also ignited an intense "Space Race," driven heavily by political competition rather than pure science.

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- c. This journey has taught us a valuable lesson: that cooperation, not competition, is the true key to unlocking the secrets of the universe.
- d. For thousands of years, humanity looked at the stars simply as distant points of light, inspiring myths and a sense of wonder.
- e. Instead of continuing this rivalry, many nations have now shifted towards collaboration, best exemplified by the International Space Station project.

A. c - b - e - a - d

B. c - a - e - d - b

C. d - a - b - e - c

D. . d - b - e - c - a

Question 8 [1099510]:

Dear User,

- a. In case the automatic update fails, please visit our website to download the installer manually from the 'Support' section.
- b. This action will apply the new security patches and ensure your system is protected against the latest threats.
- c. Please note that access to online features will be restricted for older versions of the software after September 1st.
- d. If you have automatic updates enabled, the software should prompt you to restart your computer to complete the installation.
- e. We are writing to inform you that a major security update for our 'SecureSuite' software is now available and required for all users.

Yours sincerely,

TechSolutions Inc.

A. c - e - a - b - d

B. e - d - b - c - a

C. e - a - b - d - c

D. c - e - d - a - b

Question 9 [1099511]:

- a. Ben: Definitely. The notion that caregiving and housework are exclusively "women's work" is completely outdated.
- b. An: I feel the same! It's about being partners, but I find many people still cling to traditional roles.
- c. An: Do you believe household responsibilities should be shared equally between partners?
- d. An: I think at the end of the day, true equality begins at home with these everyday actions.
- e. Ben: You're right. It requires a fundamental mindset shift, as sharing these duties fosters a much stronger and more respectful relationship.

A. d - a - c - e - b

B. c - a - b - e - d

C. d - e - b - a - c

D. c - e - d - a - b

Question 10 [1099512]:

- a. Mark: Actually, yes! I made a quinoa salad with grilled chicken and vegetables last night. It was surprisingly good. Maybe I'll try more of that.
- b. Mark: I've been trying to eat healthier lately, but it's so hard to resist junk food, especially when I'm stressed.
- c. Jessie: I completely understand. I used to eat a lot of fast food, but I've started cooking at home more. Have you tried any healthy recipes recently?

(Adapted from Good Food)

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

Question 11 [1099513]:

- a. This experience instilled in me a deep sense of responsibility towards our natural world.
- b. Last summer, I volunteered for a coastal clean-up project, which was incredibly eye-opening.
- c. It truly opened my eyes to the immediate impact of plastic pollution on marine life.
- d. Seeing countless pieces of plastic entangled in seaweed and washed ashore was heartbreaking.
- e. The sheer volume of waste we collected highlighted the urgent need for better waste management and reduced plastic use.

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

Read the following passage 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.

HA LONG BAY: A NATURAL WONDER OF VIETNAM

When it (12) _____ to famous tourist attractions in Vietnam, Ha Long Bay in the northeast is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and constitutes one of the country's most iconic destinations. (13) _____ you visit Ha Long Bay, you will be amazed by the beauty. It is renowned for its breathtaking seascape, featuring thousands of limestone islands and islets that rise dramatically from the emerald waters. A wide (14) _____ of activities can be enjoyed, including cruising through the bay, kayaking, and exploring caves.

In addition to the bay, there are several (15) _____ interesting spots to discover. Another must-see is Ti Top Island, which offers a (n) (16) _____ view of the entire bay from the top of a hill. If you (17) _____ a trip to Ha Long Bay during the summer season, you should definitely explore the local seafood markets for an unforgettable experience.

Question 12 [1099514]: A. thinks B. comes C. does D. falls

Question 13 [1099515]: A. Unless B. Despite C. Should D. Were

Question 14 [1099516]: A. ability B. liberty C. majority D. variety

Question 15 [1099517]: A. other B. much C. a little D. the others

Question 16 [1099518]: A. dramatic B. academic C. panoramic D. economic

Question 17 [1099519]: A. had been planning B. are planning
C. were planning D. plans

Read the following passage 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.

Copilot is an advanced artificial intelligence tool (18) _____. Developed by Microsoft, Copilot integrates seamlessly with popular software applications like Microsoft Word and Excel. It acts as a powerful assistant, helping users draft documents, generate reports, and analyze data more efficiently. (19) _____.

This technology not only boosts productivity but also enhances creativity, allowing professionals to focus on higher-level tasks. Copilot's capabilities extend to coding as well, where it can assist developers by suggesting code snippets, debugging errors, and optimizing algorithms. By doing so, Copilot accelerates the development process and (20) _____.

The tool's learning capabilities enable it to improve over time, adapting to the user's preferences and workflow. (21) _____.

As a result, Copilot is becoming an indispensable tool, revolutionizing how tasks are completed. (22) _____, helping users across various industries stay ahead in an increasingly digital world.

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

Question 18 [1099520]:

- A. which is designed to assist users with various tasks by leveraging natural language processing and machine learning technologies
- B. that created to help users with different tasks using natural language processing and machine learning
- C. utilizes natural language processing and machine learning to assist users in performing various tasks
- D. each of which are purposefully building to assist users with tasks using natural language processing and machine learning advancements

Question 19 [1099521]:

- A. Completing sentences can provide smart suggestions, understand Copilot, and use machine learning models based on the user's input
- B. Copilot can be understood by context, complete sentences, and smart suggestions using machine learning models based on the user's input
- C. The user's input can provide smart suggestions, complete sentences, and understand Copilot using machine learning models
- D. Using machine learning models, Copilot can understand context, complete sentences, and provide smart suggestions based on the user's input

Question 20 [1099522]:

- A. the reduction in the time routine tasks spend on
- B. reduces the time spent on routine tasks
- C. as if users minimize the time spent on routine tasks
- D. how are routine tasks being cut down on the time users

Question 21 [1099523]:

- A. This creates a sense of value in the modern workspace, where personalized assistance and efficiency blend in conflict
- B. This technology makes Copilot an important asset, offering personalized assistance and driving efficiency in everyday work processes
- C. This makes Copilot a valuable asset in the modern workspace, providing personalized assistance and driving efficiency in everyday work processes
- D. This makes Copilot an intriguing presence in the modern workspace, offering personalized assistance that sometimes feels too convenient

Question 22 [1099524]:

- A. The way it learns and evolves plays a minor role in enhancing both productivity and creative output
- B. Its ability to learn and adapt makes it a powerful driver of productivity and creativity
- C. Although it can learn and adapt, it greatly boosts productivity and sparks creation
- D. Its capacity for learning and adaptation serves as a weak force behind increased productivity and innovation

Read the 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 23 to 30.

Weeks before the August moon reaches its zenith, the lobbies of prestigious hotels across Vietnam are converted into opulent showrooms. Intricate, meticulously designed displays are erected, showcasing the year's luxury offerings. Elaborate, silk-lined boxes, often with exorbitant price tags, are stacked in gleaming pyramids. **The traditional mooncake, once a humble pastry for a children's festival, has been thoroughly and conspicuously repurposed.** The predominant target audience for such extravagant products is not families, but the corporate sector.

The contents of a "luxury" mooncake box often bear **scant** resemblance to the classic pastries. Conventional fillings like lotus seed paste are supplanted by ostentatious, high-cost ingredients: imported abalone, sea cucumber, or gold-leaf-infused durian. The value is conveyed less by the pastry and more by the ancillary items accompanying **it**. Bottles of aged whiskey, rare imported teas, or gilded cutlery are included. The packaging itself is an exercise in opulence, designed to denote status. The intended recipients are almost exclusively business partners, important clients, and senior management.

A stark contrast persists with the holiday's intrinsic associations. The Mid-Autumn Festival was historically a simple, joyous occasion centered unequivocally on children. The celebration **entailed** families strolling in the cool night air, carrying handcrafted paper lanterns, and watching lion dances. The culmination of the evening was the sharing of a single sweet pastry under the full moon. It was an intimate, communal event with negligible commercial pressure.

A significant, unspoken financial burden has now emerged for many companies. The seasonal gifting of expensive, branded mooncake boxes has become a non-negotiable facet of corporate etiquette. It is now a mandatory annual expenditure, deemed essential for maintaining business relationships. The act is less about celebration and more about an affirmation of status and a complex, obligatory financial transaction. The simple, authentic joy of the children's festival has been overshadowed by a high-stakes, perfunctory ritual of corporate gifting.

(Adapted from *vnexpress.net*)

Question 23 [1099525]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. The modest pastry for a children's festival has been thoroughly and visibly transformed, which makes its traditional purpose unclear.
- B. The traditional mooncake has become a luxury item, thoroughly and visibly repurposed from its modest origins as a pastry for a children's festival.
- C. The traditional mooncake, formerly a modest dessert for a children's celebration, has been profoundly and visibly assigned a new role.
- D. A modest dessert once used for a children's celebration has been completely and obviously given a new use, marking its final break from tradition.

Question 24 [1099526]: The word **scant** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. false
- B. ample
- C. noticeable
- D. surprising

Question 25 [1099527]: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a feature of the traditional, historical Mid-Autumn celebration?

- A. Carrying handcrafted paper lanterns
- B. Watching lion dances
- C. Sharing a single sweet pastry
- D. Singing traditional folk songs

Question 26 [1099528]: The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the value
- B. the pastry
- C. lotus seed paste
- D. durian

Question 27 [1099529]: The word **entailed** in the sentence is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. involved
- B. caused
- C. followed
- D. enjoyed

Question 28 [1099530]: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The inclusion of expensive items like aged whiskey and rare teas was intended to elevate the holiday's traditional focus on children.
- B. The high financial burden of mooncake gifting has led many companies to publicly criticize this new, non-negotiable business practice.
- C. Lavish hotel showcases are designed to help corporate clients understand the historical significance of the traditional Mid-Autumn Festival.
- D. A yearly expenditure on branded, high-cost mooncakes is now considered a mandatory component for maintaining professional partnerships.

Question 29 [1099531]: Which paragraph mentions that the pastry's actual value is less important than its associated, non-edible items?

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

Question 30 [1099532]: Which paragraph mentions that the costly gift-giving is performed as an empty, routine action?

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

Read the 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 31 to 40.

A sobering announcement at the United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, France, has dramatically recast the global understanding of a critical environmental threat. New research reveals that ocean acidification (OA) is not a looming crisis, but one that has already arrived. [I] The finding came as a surprise, as a report just last year suggested the threshold was only being approached, not yet breached. Scientists have now confirmed that the corrosive process—caused by the ocean absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide—crossed its "planetary boundary," the safe operating space for humanity, approximately five years ago.

Researchers uncovered an even more alarming trend beneath the surface, where acidification is significantly more advanced. The study found that 60% of deeper ocean waters—down to around 656 feet—have breached the boundary compared to 40% at the surface. [II] These subsurface changes are most pronounced in regions just outside the poles and in the upwelling zones along the west coast of North America. The implications are dire, as these deeper waters are home to a vast array of marine life, threatening everything from deep-sea corals to bottom-dwelling creatures like crabs and oysters.

The ecological damage is no longer theoretical; it is already being measured in widespread habitat loss. The study quantifies staggering losses that have already occurred. Some tropical coral reefs have lost 43% of their suitable habitat. Polar regions have seen a 61% habitat loss for pteropods, a crucial species at the base of the polar food web also known as "sea butterflies." [III] **Globally, coastal shellfish populations have seen their viable habitats shrink by 13% as a direct result of the changing ocean chemistry.**

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The report's conclusions have **spurred** urgent warnings from experts about the profound economic and policy implications of inaction. Experts now warn that OA is a direct threat to coastal economies dependent on tourism and fishing industries. The study's authors recommended a dual conservation strategy: directing aid to the most vulnerable species and regions while simultaneously protecting the least-compromised areas to ensure their longevity as marine refuges. [IV] The consensus is clear: governments can no longer afford to treat ocean acidification as a secondary issue in climate policy, and failure to act will have irreversible consequences.

Question 31 [1099533]: According to paragraph 1, the new research on ocean acidification has altered the prevailing understanding of the crisis by confirming _____.

- A. the warning that the threshold for the corrosive process is now being approached
- B. the process by which the ocean absorbs atmospheric carbon dioxide
- C. a surprising announcement made during a recent United Nations conference
- D. that a critical safety threshold for humanity was surpassed several years ago

Question 32 [1099534]: The word **its** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. the ocean
- B. carbon dioxide
- C. humanity
- D. the corrosive process

Question 33 [1099535]: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Researchers found that acidification is more advanced in deeper waters, particularly in subpolar regions and coastal upwelling zones where nutrient-rich, CO₂-heavy water is brought to the surface, threatening local marine ecosystems.
- B. The study revealed that ocean acidification is more severe in deeper waters than at the surface, with the most pronounced effects in subpolar regions and certain coastal upwelling zones, threatening a wide variety of marine life.
- C. The study's subsurface findings show acidification is most advanced in the upwelling zones along North America's west coast, a prime example of the intense changes also occurring in the deeper ocean waters just outside the polar regions.
- D. The accelerated acidification found in deeper ocean waters is creating a significant extinction risk for a vast array of marine life, including deep-sea corals and bottom-dwelling creatures like crabs, especially in subpolar regions.

Question 34 [1099536]: Where did the study find the most severe subsurface acidification effects?

- A. Directly within the polar regions and across the deep-sea coral reef systems.
- B. Throughout sixty percent of the world's deeper ocean waters down to 656 feet.
- C. Within the tropical coral reef habitats that have already lost a significant area.
- D. In areas adjacent to the poles and along the western coast of North America.

Question 35 [1099537]: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. The changing chemistry of the world's oceans has directly resulted in a thirteen percent decline in the overall populations of coastal shellfish.
- B. A direct result of a 13% global decline in coastal shellfish habitats has been the significant and measurable change in the ocean's chemistry.
- C. A thirteen percent reduction in the livable habitats of coastal shellfish worldwide has been a direct consequence of shifts in ocean chemistry.
- D. Changing ocean chemistry has directly caused the viable habitats of coastal shellfish worldwide to shrink to around 13% of their previous area.

Question 36 [1099538]: What impact has the changing ocean chemistry had on tropical marine ecosystems?

- A. A sixty-one percent decline in the population of a vital polar food source.
- B. A thirteen percent shrinkage in the available living areas for coastal shellfish.
- C. A pronounced acceleration of acidification in North American upwelling zones.
- D. A significant reduction in the amount of viable living space for certain corals.

Question 37 [1099539]: The word **spurred** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. stimulated
- B. supported
- C. influenced
- D. highlighted

Question 38 [1099540]: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The ongoing habitat loss for coastal shellfish is leading to the imminent collapse of the global commercial fishing industry for these species.
- B. Ocean acidification has historically been treated as a lower-priority concern within the broader framework of global climate change policy.
- C. The biological activities of bottom-dwelling creatures like crabs contribute to the more advanced rates of acidification found in deeper ocean waters.
- D. The conservation strategy proposed in the report has become the global consensus approach for scientists and policymakers addressing this issue.

Question 39 [1099541]: Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

This approach combines immediate crisis response with long-term preventative action.

- A. [I]
- B. [III]
- C. [II]
- D. [IV]

Question 40 [1099542]: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A.** The recent discovery that ocean acidification has crossed its planetary boundary and caused habitat loss is a serious issue, but one that can be effectively managed through the proposed dual conservation strategy and renewed government focus.
- B.** The surprising realization that ocean acidification crossed its boundary years ago helps to explain the unexpectedly severe habitat loss now being measured, necessitating a new and urgent dual conservation strategy from global governments.
- C.** Recent findings show ocean acidification has unexpectedly passed a critical boundary, with significant habitat loss already measured, prompting calls for a dual conservation strategy and for governments to treat the issue with urgency.
- D.** In response to the discovery that ocean acidification has crossed an important threshold and damaged marine ecosystems, experts are now pushing for a dual conservation strategy and the establishment of a global fund to aid coastal economies.

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