

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.*

1. A. far                      B. star                      C. Mars                      D. jazz  
 2. A. supplies                B. provides                C. manages                D. believes

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.*

3. A. pronounce                B. divide                      C. reduce                      D. **widen**  
 4. A. contestant                B. destruction                C. **paradise**                D. appearance

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

5. Environmentalists all over the world \_\_\_\_\_ the rich and diverse wildlife of national parks for decades.

A. protected                      **B. have protected**                      C. will protect                      D. protects

6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ at the number of extracurricular activities available at her high school.

A. surprising                      B. surprise                      C. **surprised**                      D. surprisingly

7. \_\_\_\_\_ her experiences and English skills, she was suitable for the job.

A. Although                      **B. Due to**                      C. Despite                      D. Because

8. She regrets not \_\_\_\_\_ more when she had the chance.

A. to travel                      **B. travelling**                      C. travel                      D. travelled

9. The picture is beautiful, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. wasn't it                      B. does it                      C. **isn't it**                      D. hasn't it

10. Maria and her sister are always quarreling. They've never \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

**A. got along with**                      B. went along with

C. went down with                      D. came up with

11. One special feature of cuisine in Southern Vietnam is the short cooking time which aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the freshness of food.

A. stay                      B. continue                      C. **keep**                      D. exist

12. Food in Northern Vietnam is not as \_\_\_\_\_ as that in Central and Southern Vietnam, as black pepper is often used rather than chillies.

A. strong                      B. flavour                      C. **spicy**                      D. exciting

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



✕ Monitor the weather forecast and the Bureau of Meteorology Heatwave warnings online.

18. A. making      **B. taking**      C. getting      D. using  
19. **A. of**      B. in      C. on      D. at  
20. A. lowered      **B. increased**      C. decreased      D. enlarged

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best option that fits each of the numbered blanks from 21 to 25.**

Are some languages harder than others? To answer the question, the first thing we have to do is to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ between babies learning their first language and adults learning a second language. For babies (22) \_\_\_\_\_ their first language, no language is harder than the other. Babies all learn their first language in about the same period of time because learning a language is natural for all babies, like learning to walk. (23) \_\_\_\_\_, that changes if you already speak a language and are learning a second one. A language which is different to the one you already know is going to be harder than one that's quite similar (24) \_\_\_\_\_ your first language.

Another reason why babies are so good at learning languages is that they have more time to do it. A teenager's brain or a grown-up's brain may still be (25) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to learn another language, but as people get older, they're busy with school, work and friends. When babies are learning their first language or languages, they're spending hours everyday practising.

21. **A. distinguish**      B. decide      C. connect      D. neglect  
22. A. which learn      B. are learning      C. learn      **D. who learn**  
23. A. Although      B. Even though      **C. However**      D. In spite of  
24. A. with      **B. to**      C. for      D. from  
25. A. stubborn      B. resistant      C. gentle      **D. flexible**

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

Cruises have become a popular way to travel, offering passengers the chance to explore multiple destinations while enjoying luxurious amenities. Modern cruise ships feature entertainment options such as theaters, pools, and fine dining, making them a floating resort. Many travelers choose cruises for the convenience of unpacking once while visiting different locations.

Cruises **cater** to various preferences, from adventure-filled expeditions in Alaska to relaxing trips in the Caribbean. Some cruises offer cultural experiences with guided tours, while others focus on outdoor activities like snorkeling and hiking. Regardless of the destination, cruises provide an all-in-one travel experience with meals, lodging, and entertainment included.

Safety and health measures are a priority on cruise ships. Crew members undergo extensive training to handle emergencies, and ships are equipped with medical facilities. Additionally, hygiene protocols, such as regular sanitation and health screenings, help prevent illnesses from spreading. These measures ensure that passengers have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Despite their appeal, cruises are not without drawbacks. Some travelers find them too crowded, while others worry about seasickness. Environmental concerns have also been raised, as cruise ships produce waste and emissions that can harm marine ecosystems. However, many companies are working on sustainable solutions, such as cleaner fuel and waste management systems, to minimize their impact.

26. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. The history of cruise ships
- B. The benefits and drawbacks of cruises
- C. The safety procedures on cruise ships
- D. The most luxurious cruise lines

27. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a feature of modern cruise ships?

- A. Theaters
- B. Casinos
- C. Pools
- D. Fine dining

28. The word "cater" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Provide for
- B. Ignore
- C. Challenge
- D. Remove

29. What is one reason people choose cruises for travel?

- A. They are the cheapest form of travel
- B. They allow travelers to visit multiple locations conveniently
- C. They require no safety precautions
- D. They are the only way to explore Alaska

30. What is a concern some travelers have about cruises?

- A. Cruises have no entertainment options
- B. Cruises are always unsafe
- C. Cruises can be crowded or cause seasickness
- D. Cruises are only available in the Caribbean

31. What are some ways cruise companies are addressing environmental concerns?

- A. Building smaller ships
- B. Using cleaner fuel and better waste management systems
- C. Banning outdoor activities
- D. Reducing the number of destinations

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in the following question.*

32.

- a. Setting clear priorities and creating to-do lists can help individuals stay organized and ensure that important tasks are completed.
- b. Efficient time management is crucial for maximizing productivity and achieving personal goals.
- c. One popular method is the Pomodoro Technique, which involves working in short bursts followed by brief breaks to maintain focus.
- d. Furthermore, minimizing distractions, such as turning off notifications on devices, can significantly enhance concentration and efficiency.

e. In conclusion, by applying these effective time management techniques, individuals can improve their productivity and reduce stress.

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

B. c-a-d-b-e

C. d-c-b-a-e

D. a-d-c-b-e

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.**

33. The children were so (A) **amusing** (B) at the cartoon that (C) they couldn't help laughing (D).

34. My mother is ill so (A) I'd like to have (B) a day off (C) to **take care for** (D) her.

35. My uncle Hung, who (A) has come back from (B) England, as well as his four children **are** (C) warmly welcome (D).

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the given one.**

36. "It was Peter who left the door unlocked!" said Mary.

A. Mary accused Peter to leave the door unlocked.

B. Mary accused Peter of locking the door.

C. Peter was accused of unlocking the door.

**D. Mary accused Peter of leaving the door unlocked.**

37. It was such a successful party that most people didn't want to go home.

A. The party was so successful that most people wanted to go home.

**B. The party was so successful that most people didn't want to go home.**

C. The party was not so successful that most people didn't want to go home.

D. Most people didn't want to go home because the party was not so successful.

38. My sister gets high pay because she works well.

A. My sister gets high pay because of her work well.

**B. My sister gets high pay due to her work well.**

C. Due to her work well my sister gets high pay.

D. Because of working well, my sister gets high pay.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines the two given ones.**

39. Both of the escalators were out of order.

A. Either of the escalators was not in right order.

B. The order of the two escalators was wrong

**C. Neither of the escalators was working.**

D. Neither of the escalators was in order.

40. It is a pity you didn't tell us about the truth

A. I wish you have told us about the truth.

B. I wish you would tell us about the truth.

C. I wish you had told us about the truth.

D. I wish you would have told us about the truth.