

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 sentences.

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| 1. | A. clo <u>th</u> es | B. co <u>s</u> metic | C. po <u>s</u> t | D. gre <u>en</u> grocer |
| 2. | A. re <u>fu</u> nded | B. co <u>m</u> pared | C. ex <u>ch</u> anged | D. sho <u>w</u> roomed |

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 sentences.

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| 3. | A. architect | B. programmer | C. engineer | D. hairdresser |
| 4. | A. assistant | B. takeaway | C. optician's | D. estate |

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

5. The store was offering great _____ on clothing during the sale.
A. receipts B. refunds C. price tags D. bargains
6. They planned to go for a picnic; _____, the rain spoiled their plans.
A. although B. however C. because D. therefore
7. _____, have become essential skills in today's workplace.
A. Problem-solving abilities, which are highly valued
B. Problem-solving abilities are highly valued
C. That problem-solving abilities are highly valued
D. Because problem-solving abilities are highly valued
8. Customer: "Is this product on discount?"
Sale assistant: " _____ "
A. Oh, yes. Coupons are necessary. B. I'm afraid not.
C. Maybe you like it? D. I think it's expensive.
9. John: "Effective leaders are often known for being good at communicating with their teams."
Terry: " _____ "
A. I couldn't agree with you more. B. It's quite challenging.
C. I'm quite physically fit. D. They are reliable.

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

10. a. Finally, I would buy a motorcycle for my sister. She has had to ride her old bicycle since she was 15.
b. Do you think winning the lottery would make you happy? If I won it, I could do something easily.
c. To sum up, I would use the money to help my family with the satisfaction of basic needs.
d. Secondly, I would have our old house rebuilt. My parents, my sister and I have been living in there for more than 40 years and it is downgraded.
e. First of all, I would donate half of the money to the orphanages in my little hometown.
A. a-b-c-d-e B. b-e-d-a-c C. e-d-c-b-a D. c-a-d-e-b
11. a. Besides, they are ready to attack those who reach the house.
b. Today, I am writing to complain about the noise that the geese in my nexdoor house have made.
c. I am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing your resolution to shutting the geese up.
d. They sound the whole day, so we cannot relax or sleep.
e. My neighbours and I feel cross with such noisy geese.
A. e-d-a-b-c B. b-a-d-e-c C. e-a-d-c-b D. b-d-a-e-c

Read the following advertisement/ school announcement 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.

VIDEOLEAP APP

An easy way to create your (12)___ video clips.

- ✓ All in one video editing suite.
- ✓ Tools for all creators, from (13)___ to pro.
- ✓ Available on IOS + Android.
- ✓ 7 day free (14)___.

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| 12. A. own | B. self | C. share | D. upload |
| 13. A. movers | B. flyers | C. beginners | D. directors |
| 14. A. try | B. trial | C. tried | D. trying |

You are invited to (15)___ us

YEAR-END PARTY

January 09, 2024. 17:00 P.M. School Hall

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's that time of year (16)___.

We're so excited (17)___ no one will be absent.

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| 15. A. enjoy | B. join | C. participate | D. take part |
| 16. A. about | B. above | C. alike | D. again |
| 17. A. why | B. if | C. that | D. whether |

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.

Most people (18)___ playing video games can keep you fit. You sit on the floor, or on the sofa, looking at a screen, (19)___ your body that moves is your thumb.

So why do people say that it is a way of keeping fit? Yes, of course, for old kinds of video games, the players can't keep fit.

(20)___, gamers are now doing exercises while they play games. This game is played on the floor.

You put one foot in the center and move your other foot in time to the dance music (21)___ as you go through the levels.

(22)___ a fantasy world in the game, but they get something good for their health as well. So, who knows? Perhaps the gamers of the future will be fit and healthy people, (23)___.

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| 18. A. do not think that | B. never wonder that | C. still ask themselves that | D. do not think whether |
| 19. A. the only part | B. and the only part | C. and the only part of | D. and the only part that |
20. A. But thanks for a new game that is called as Dance Dance Revolution
 B. But thanks to Dance Dance Revolution a new game is called as
 C. But thanks to a new game that is known as Dance Dance Revolution
 D. But thanks for a new game that is known as Dance Dance Revolution
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| 21. A. gets faster and faster | B. getting faster and faster | C. to get faster and faster | D. fast and faster |
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22. A. Not only do gamers get into B. Gamers can only get into
 C. Not only gamers get into D. Gamers do not get only into
23. A. which the previous generation of gamers do not think of
 B. which the previous generation of gamers do not think that
 C. which the previous generation of gamers do not wonder
 D. which the previous generation of gamers do not identify

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The 21st century is all about (24) _____. Technology is progressing at an unprecedented rate and (25) _____ way we live is changing along with it. When historians look back on the early 21st century, they will identify a handful of people who took the leading roles in technology. Elon Musk will undoubtedly be of one these important people on this list.

Many people are surprised to learn that Elon Musk was born and raised in Pretoria, South Africa. He had a difficult (26) _____, with his parents separating when he was nine years old. As an adult, Elon has become estranged from his father. He moved to Canada when he was 17 and then to the United States of America. (27) _____, he sits quite high on a number of global rankings. His net worth, currently around 93 billion dollars, makes him the world's 5th richest person. Forbes (28) _____ him the most innovative leader of 2019. And his time as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla makes him the longest standing CEO of an automotive company.

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| 24. A. innovation | B. innovative | C. innovate | D. innovatively |
| 25. A. a | B. an | C. the | D. no article |
| 26. A. adulthood | B. childhood | C. upbringing | D. income |
| 27. A. So far | B. At that time | C. Currently | D. Up to now |
| 28. A. graded | B. rated | C. marked | D. scored |

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.

While the cover letter has increasingly become a **divisive** topic among employers and job seekers, many employers still think cover letters are important. According to a 2023 study by employment website Zippia, more than a fourth (26 percent) of employers "always read cover letters" and think they're an important factor of the hiring decision. And almost half (45 percent) said that not including a cover letter could get your application rejected. So in most cases, it's best to be cautious and include one. It can help you stand out from the crowd. Employers have to read through a lot of application forms for just one role. As a result, if you have similar abilities as other candidates, a cover letter allows you to highlight your personality and special skills. In short, including a cover letter is truly useful for job search. Here's how:

- It shows that you are willing to put in extra effort. Looking for a new job requires a lot of work, so it might be hard to write different cover letters for different positions. However, according to the Zippia study, 61 percent of hiring managers consider a customized resume (including a cover letter and portfolio link) as the "top method for applicants to increase their chances of getting a job."
- You can solve any biases that may exist. In an ideal world, employers wouldn't judge you based on things like gaps in employment or frequent job changes. Career coach Marlo Lyons suggests using your cover letter to explain any gaps and provide context for these situations, so employers don't get the wrong impression.

29. The passage mainly discusses _____.
A. the importance of cover letters in job applications
B. the role of recruiters in the hiring process
C. the benefits of including a resume in a job search
D. the study conducted by Zippia on cover letter usage
30. According to the 2023 study by Zippia, _____ of the employers think cover letters are important.
A. two thirds B. nearly half C. a fourth D. nearly all
31. According to the passage, not including a cover letter could potentially result in _____.
A. improving your chances of getting a job B. making your application stand out
C. getting your application rejected D. addressing potential biases
32. The word "**divisive**" in the passage can be replaced with _____.
A. positive B. unimportant C. controversial D. spectacular

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33. According to the passage, why is it recommended to include a cover letter in most cases?
- A. to highlight your unique skills and personality
 - B. to make you qualified and professional
 - C. to make the job search easier and less time-consuming
 - D. to improve your qualifications compared to other candidates

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Twenty Vietnamese high school students are currently living in Australia. They are there for three weeks as part of a living-abroad project. The 16- and 17-year-old students are living with Australian families and attending English classes. Most of the students have taken English language classes for 5 or 6 years and are finally getting an opportunity to use their English.

Not only are students learning a foreign language, but they're also learning about a new culture. In addition, the students have been particularly surprised at the Australian attitude towards wild animals. Van Anh has **vowed** to protect wildlife when she returns to Vietnam.

The group's **chaperone**, Mrs. Lan, has been pleased with the students' **acquisition** of the language. "Even the most timid are trying their best to speak English. They are learning a lot. I'm very impressed," said Mrs. Lan. "I think living with an Australian family makes a difference because the students are forced to speak English. They also have the opportunity to learn about Australian culture. We're all very grateful to the Australian families who are hosting us."

The Australian families are happy to host the students, as they are getting to learn about Vietnamese culture. Both groups will be celebrating a farewell party at the end of the stay. There will be a slide show of memories and the students will speak about their experiences. "Living in Australia is an experience I'll never forget," writes student Van Anh.

34. What would be the most suitable title for this passage?
- A. Australian Families Love Vietnamese
 - B. Student Van Anh shares experience in Australia
 - C. School website posts student essays
 - D. Vietnamese high school students stay abroad in Australia
35. What is suggested about the culture in Australia?
- A. It scares the students.
 - B. It requires fluency in English.
 - C. It can be learned from a book.
 - D. It's different from the culture in Vietnam.
36. According to the passage, what does Mrs. Lan probably think about the English language?
- A. It's more beautiful than Vietnamese.
 - B. It is important for international communication.
 - C. It's best to learn English in an English-speaking country.
 - D. It is something each and every Vietnamese student should know.
37. The word "**vowed**" is closest in meaning to _____
- A. saved
 - B. received
 - C. changed
 - D. promised
38. The word "**chaperone**" is closest in meaning to _____
- A. sponsor
 - B. leader
 - C. coach
 - D. instructor
39. The word "**acquisition**" is closest in meaning to _____
- A. gaining
 - B. speaking
 - C. purchase
 - D. responsibility

40. What will the students do at the end of their stay?

A. They will take an English exam.

B. They will have a party together.

C. They will have a great time visiting Australia.

D. They will stay in a hostel or group house.

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Keys:

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3- C	7- A	11- D	15- B	19- C	23- A	27- C	31- C	35- D	39- A
4- B	8- B	12- A	16- D	20- C	24- A	28- B	32- C	36- C	40- B