

Họ, tên thí sinh: .....

Số báo danh: .....

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

### SMOKEJUMPERS RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Fire Service is recruiting smokejumpers - a special type of firefighters (1) \_\_\_\_\_ help stop wildfires in remote forest areas. They are deployed by plane or helicopter to locations that are difficult to reach on foot.

- **Job Responsibilities:** At fire sites, smokejumpers examine the land and work quickly to prevent fires from spreading. They use basic equipment and must operate with a limited (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of water.
- **Training and Preparation:** Team members receive training (3) \_\_\_\_\_ adequately by experienced professionals to ensure safety and effectiveness in emergency situations.
- **Eligibility Requirements:** This role is open to anyone who (4) \_\_\_\_\_ physical requirements. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ must be capable of surviving in dangerous environments and adapting to extreme conditions.
- **Career Opportunities:** Successful recruits may (6) \_\_\_\_\_ important responsibilities and play an important role in wildfire control. For further information, contact 0123456789.

(Adapted from *Reading Challenge*)

- |                             |                |               |                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Question 1. A. which        | B. whose       | C. who        | D. whom         |
| Question 2. A. amount       | B. range       | C. multitude  | D. variety      |
| Question 3. A. be providing | B. provided    | C. providing  | D. has provided |
| Question 4. A. satisfies    | B. attains     | C. gains      | D. achieves     |
| Question 5. A. Applicants   | B. Application | C. Applicable | D. Apply        |
| Question 6. A. bring off    | B. wear off    | C. take on    | D. put through  |

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

### EXPLORE GLOBAL CUISINE

#### *Our Culinary Philosophy*

Our restaurant is inspired by (7) \_\_\_\_\_, celebrating the diversity of international dishes and distinctive flavors. We believe a balanced lifestyle is rooted in traditional eating habits that combine lean proteins (8) \_\_\_\_\_ fresh, locally sourced ingredients. (9) \_\_\_\_\_, guests are encouraged to explore shared culinary heritage through (10) \_\_\_\_\_ thoughtfully prepared recipes that reflect cultural identity.

#### *What Guests Will Discover*

Visitors will embark on a sensory journey to experience renowned regional specialties:

- **Australian Cuisine:** Sample savory crocodile curry or kangaroo burgers served with white bread.
- **Cambodian Cuisine:** Enjoy Amok Trey, a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ dish made with fish, coconut milk, nuts, and egg.
- **Arab Cuisine:** Savor fragrant Kabsa or Shawarma wrapped in Pita bread with tomato and cucumber.

To maintain energy, refresh yourself with tropical fruits such as mangoes, melons, and pineapples. Come and explore global culinary styles through (12) \_\_\_\_\_ regional flavors at Global Cuisine.

(Adapted from *Unlock Reading and Writing Skills*)

Question 7. A. food global culture B. culture food global C. global food culture D. global culture food

Question 8. A. to B. with C. for D. at

Question 9. A. However B. Therefore C. Subsequently D. Whereas

Question 10. A. few B. every C. many D. little

Question 11. A. signature B. token C. icon D. symbol

Question 12. A. authentic B. practical C. functional D. sincere

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in the following question.*

Question 13.

- a. Through this gradual adjustment, the experience ultimately enhanced my awareness of environmental protection and encouraged me to contribute more actively to a green lifestyle.
- b. This was largely because I had underestimated how difficult it would be to completely give up plastic bags and other single-use items.
- c. Confronted with this difficulty, I began by introducing small but concrete changes into my daily routine, such as bringing my own cloth bags to the market, refusing plastic straws, and sorting my waste carefully each day.
- d. Taking part in a green lifestyle for a month was initially just an experiment, yet it soon turned into a demanding personal challenge.
- e. However, as these actions required constant attention, the process of reducing waste forced me to plan my shopping more deliberately and abandon long-standing habits.

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

Question 14.

- a. **Nam:** Not really. I'm moving to the city to seek better job opportunities and modern facilities.
- b. **Nam:** Hi Mark! I've decided to move to the city next month to start my new life there.
- c. **Mark:** Oh, really? Don't you think the high cost of living and pollution are big problems in urban areas?

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

Question 15.

- a. **Kevin:** That's true. It's a great chance to see how people keep their own traditions in a modern world.
- b. **Mai:** I agree. These events help us learn about different cultures and become more broad-minded.
- c. **Kevin:** I've just come back from an international fair. It was a very interesting experience!
- d. **Mai:** Oh, I heard about that! Was it the traditional food and music that you liked most?
- e. **Mai:** Hi Kevin! You look very happy. Did you go somewhere special today?

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

Question 16.

- a. As a result, these smart initiatives have not only reduced carbon emissions but also improved the overall quality of life for urban dwellers.
- b. To address these challenges, city authorities have implemented a "Green City" project, focusing on expanding public parks and promoting electric transportation.

- c. Over the last few years, the rapid pace of urbanisation has led to severe air pollution and a lack of green spaces in many metropolitan areas.
- d. Building on this success, the city is now planning to integrate AI technology into waste management to further enhance sustainability as well.
- e. In addition, new regulations were introduced to encourage residents to adopt eco-friendly habits, such as recycling and energy conservation.

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

**Question 17.**

Dear Students,

- a. In case you want to learn more about his medical journey, you can borrow his biography from the school library.
- b. This remarkable man spent his entire life providing free healthcare to poor children in remote areas.
- c. We would like to introduce the life story of Dr. Le, a person whose kindness we deeply admire.
- d. Should you feel inspired by his work, we encourage you to join our school's upcoming charity volunteer group.
- e. His story is a great example of how one person can change many lives through hard work and heart.

Yours sincerely,  
The History Club

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

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

Marie Sklodowska Curie (1867–1934), one of the most distinguished members of the Curie family, **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_. Born in Warsaw, Poland, she received her rudimentary education and scientific training from her father and later taught at a Warsaw high school. In 1891, she relocated to Paris, **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_. Two years later, she married the French chemist Pierre Curie, beginning a lifelong scientific partnership. Following A.H Becquerel's research into uranium's radioactive properties, **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_. In 1898, she and her husband announced the discovery of two new elements, polonium and radium, extracted from pitchblende. Despite severe financial hardship and demanding working conditions, they continued their research and eventually succeeded in isolating radium in its pure form after four years of strenuous effort. **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_.

In recognition of their groundbreaking work, Marie and Pierre Curie, together with Becquerel, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903. **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_, prioritizing scientific progress over personal profit. After Pierre Curie's death, Marie Curie attained a professorship at the Sorbonne and later received a second Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911. She went on to direct the Institute of Radium, contribute to wartime medical services, and publish influential scientific works, securing her legacy as a pioneer of modern science.

(Adapted from *More Reading Power*)

**Question 18.**

- A. was universally renowned for her outstanding scientific achievements
- B. her outstanding scientific achievements made her universally renowned
- C. who was universally renowned for her outstanding scientific achievements
- D. it was her outstanding scientific achievements that brought her universal renown

**Question 19.**

- A. where she studied physics at the Sorbonne and earned her degree in 1893

- B. at the Sorbonne, in which she earned her degree in physics in 1893
- C. while her degree was obtained at the Sorbonne through studying physics in 1893
- D. with her studying physics in 1893, she completed her degree at the Sorbonne

**Question 20.**

- A. Marie Curie's own investigations into radioactivity were initiated
- B. The initiation was investigated into radioactivity on her own
- C. The investigations into radioactivity were initiated by Marie Curie
- D. Marie Curie initiated her own investigations into radioactivity

**Question 21.**

- A. On the contrary, many of the element's unique properties were identified during this period
- B. Besides, they also identified many of the element's unique properties during this period
- C. Many of the element's unique properties during this period were not, by and large, identified
- D. Nevertheless, they identified many of the element's unique properties during this period

**Question 22.**

- A. If the method of extracting radium was notable, its free availability was made
- B. Indeed, it was their method of extracting radium that made it freely available
- C. Notably, they made their method of extracting radium freely available
- D. Due to the notable method of extracting radium, its free availability was made

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

Contemporary urban landscapes are overwhelmingly shaped by the primacy of motor vehicles, often to the detriment of human accessibility and well-being. For many residents, even the most routine errands become an uphill battle, particularly for individuals with limited mobility who must navigate expansive, traffic-laden roads. This imbalance **underscores** the pressing need to rethink how city streets are designed and whom they are intended to serve.

Innovative trials in the Dutch city of Tilburg illustrate how technology can help tip the scales back in favour of pedestrians and cyclists. Smart traffic systems, including a smartphone application that automatically extends crossing times for those with reduced mobility, enable safer crossings while minimizing disruption to traffic. These systems can also prioritise cyclists at junctions and hold promise for facilitating emergency responses, while simultaneously **mitigating** emissions and noise by reducing stop-start driving, allowing cities to kill two birds with one stone.

The urgency of such reforms is amplified by the stark health and environmental costs of traffic congestion. Vehicle emissions are a major contributor to air pollution, which is responsible for thousands of premature deaths annually and inflicts long-term damage on ecosystems. Compounding these problems, many cities fall woefully short of international recommendations for green space, leaving **their** populations increasingly cut off from the restorative benefits of nature.

Against this backdrop, the concept of “superblocks” has gained traction as a radical yet pragmatic solution. **By restricting vehicles to perimeter roads, cities can transform interior streets into communal spaces without throwing accessibility out of the window.** When paired with enhanced public transport and intelligent traffic management, such measures could breathe new life into urban environments.

(Adapted from *Booster*)

**Question 23.** The word “**underscores**” in paragraph 1 mostly means \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. compares                      B. complicates                      C. emphasizes                      D. determines

**Question 2.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 2 as something that smart traffic systems can do?

- A. prioritise cyclists                      B. extend crossing time  
C. reduce traffic disruption                      D. assist in city planning

**Question 25.** The word “mitigating” in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. increasing                      B. affecting                      C. decreasing                      D. converting

**Question 26.** The word “their” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. problems                      B. recommendations                      C. cities                      D. ecosystems

**Question 27.** Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 3?

- A. The restorative benefits of nature are becoming more accessible to urban dwellers.  
B. There are currently sufficient international recommendations for green space in cities.  
C. Ecosystems are the sole victims of air contamination in urban areas.  
D. Exhausts from vehicles constitute a significant source of atmospheric pollution.

**Question 28.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

**By restricting vehicles to perimeter roads, cities can transform interior streets into communal spaces without throwing accessibility out of the window.**

- A. If vehicles are restricted to inner streets, perimeter roads will likely become more accessible as communal spaces for urban citizens.  
B. Restricting vehicles to outer roads enables cities to turn inner streets into shared spaces while maintaining accessibility.  
C. More and more cities are turning outer roads into communal spaces with a view to restricting vehicular accessibility to interior streets.  
D. Directing vehicles to communal spaces allows cities to make perimeter roads more accessible to city dwellers.

**Question 29.** Which paragraph mentions the effect of pollution on human longevity?

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

**Question 30.** Which paragraph mentions the involvement of mobile phones in easing traffic problems?

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

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

As forests are razed at a dizzying pace and rainforests steadily shrink, the ecological importance of trees is frequently thrust into the spotlight. Yet to judge them solely by their environmental utility is to miss the forest for the trees. Far more than passive components of ecosystems, trees occupy a deep cultural and spiritual terrain, having taken firm root in the human imagination. Across ages and civilizations, they have shaped mythologies, enriched language, and anchored social values, serving as enduring symbols through which humanity has interpreted the world.

From the very cradle of human history, trees were indispensable to survival. They supplied early communities with tools, weapons, and shelter, and even with the advent of metal, their relevance did not **fade into obscurity**. Long before an axe ever met bark, trees sustained life directly: fruits, nuts, berries, and medicinal leaves provided a crucial buffer when hunting yielded slim pickings. Wood also fed the fires that transformed human existence, enabling cooking, warmth, and protection. Through these varied roles, trees

came to be seen not merely as raw materials, but as steadfast benefactors and silent guardians, the backbone of early human life.

Given **this intimacy**, it is hardly surprising that trees acquired symbolic and even sacred significance. [I] Their resemblance to the human form - roots anchoring them like feet, a trunk standing like a torso, and branches reaching skyward like arms - invited anthropomorphic reverence. This bond is etched into language itself: problems have roots, families branch out, and ideas take root before bearing fruit. [II] Across cultures, individual trees embody particular virtues, while the tree as a whole often serves as a metaphor for lineage, continuity, and the fragile balance between past, present, and future.

[III] Trees are also closely bound up with knowledge and insight. **Tales of enlightenment beneath a tree or forbidden wisdom plucked from one recur across traditions, implying that knowledge is a double-edged sword.**

Their longevity further burnishes this symbolism, as ancient trees appear to bottle the accumulated experience of generations. Although modern societies may no longer cloak trees in mythic reverence, emotional ties remain deeply ingrained. [IV] Rituals such as planting trees to mark life's milestones keep this enduring bond alive, and may ensure it does not quietly go by the wayside.

(Adapted from *Reading and Use of English*)

**Question 31.** According to paragraph 1, focusing on only the environmental usefulness of trees risks \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. exaggerating their economic value to early societies
- B. underestimating their role in sustaining ecosystems
- C. ignoring the urgency of halting deforestation
- D. overlooking their cultural and symbolic significance

**Question 32.** The phrase "**fade into obscurity**" most nearly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. being deliberately concealed from public view
- B. becoming widely recognized over time
- C. gradually losing importance or public attention
- D. remaining unchanged despite social developments

**Question 33.** Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Trees supplied early humans with firewood and nourishment, offering temporary relief when hunting was, in the majority of cases, unsuccessful.
- B. Early human communities relied heavily on trees for survival, but this dependence declined sharply with the advent of metal technology.
- C. As hunting became unreliable, trees gradually replaced animal resources as the principal foundation of early human economies.
- D. Trees were vital to early human life, providing nourishment, materials, and fuel that underpinned survival and technological development.

**Question 34.** What explains the emergence of trees as symbolic or sacred objects, according to paragraph 3?

- A. Their scarcity in early human environments
- B. Their exclusive association with religious rituals
- C. Their similarity to human anatomy and experience
- D. Their economic value across civilizations

**Question 35.** According to paragraph 3, the frequent use of tree imagery in language suggests that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. early cultures relied on trees primarily as tools for communication
- B. modern societies struggle to separate literal meanings from figurative ones
- C. abstract human experiences are often conceptualised through natural metaphors

D. linguistic expressions involving trees have gradually lost their original significance

**Question 36.** The phrase “this intimacy” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. the emotional comfort trees provide humans in modern life
- B. the importance of humans in the protection of forests
- C. the close mutual dependence between early humans and forests
- D. the long-standing relationship between humans and trees

**Question 37.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

**Tales of enlightenment beneath a tree or forbidden wisdom plucked from one recur across traditions, implying that knowledge is a double-edged sword.**

- A. In mythological accounts, trees frequently function as barriers to human advancement by obstructing access to progress and rational understanding.
- B. Across different cultures, wisdom acquired from trees is presented as both enlightening and risky, offering insight while carrying potential consequences.
- C. Many cultural narratives use trees as symbols to warn against the pursuit of knowledge that challenges established moral or social boundaries.
- D. Knowledge derived from trees is consistently portrayed as a wholly positive force that is celebrated across cultures and historical traditions.

**Question 38.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Although explicit sacred associations may have receded, certain enduring customs suggest that symbolic attachments to trees remain.
- B. As mythic associations surrounding trees have waned, contemporary societies have relinquished their symbolic engagement with them.
- C. Modern ecological discourse has supplanted earlier spiritual conceptions of trees, redefining their significance in predominantly utilitarian terms.
- D. Because trees no longer occupy a central position in collective belief systems, their broader cultural resonance has substantially eroded.

**Question 39.** Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

**“Whether offering shade, solace, or quiet reflection, trees continue to strike a chord.”**

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

**Question 40.** Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Although trees once played a central role in sustaining early human communities, in modern societies they function largely as aesthetic features or symbolic remnants of a bygone era.
- B. Growing environmental crises have prompted modern societies to rediscover and revive ancient sacred traditions centered on the symbolic and spiritual authority of trees.
- C. While contemporary concern over deforestation highlights the ecological value of trees, their primary significance throughout history has been spiritual and mythological rather than practical.
- D. From early survival and technological reliance to their deep imprint on language, belief systems, and cultural values, trees have continuously shaped human experience and retain symbolic relevance today.

**The end**