

## MOCK TEST 15

**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. requested      B. performed      C. intended      D. uploaded
- 2. A. suburb      B. function      C. product      D. focus

**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. mature      B. common      C. social      D. famous
- 4. A. quality      B. explosion      C. departure      D. arrival

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

- 5. It's important for students to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ plan to revise their exams effectively.  
A. sensibly      B. sensible      C. sensitive      D. sensitively
- 6. By the time Jane \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema yesterday, the film.  
A. arrived/ had started      B. arrived/ was started  
C. had arrived/ started      D. were arriving/ started
- 7. Nikola Tesla is renowned \_\_\_\_\_ his pioneering contributions to alternating current (AC) electricity and wireless communication.  
A. in      B. for      C. to      D. of
- 8. The noise from construction sites, \_\_\_\_\_ occurs during late hours, disturbs the residents in the area.  
A. when      B. where      C. what      D. which
- 9. What a terrible trip! My luggage \_\_\_\_\_, so I had to spend more money than I expected.  
A. was being lost      B. had lost      C. was lost      D. lost
- 10. The Grand Suite Hotel is by far \_\_\_\_\_ hotel in Los Angeles.  
A. the most expensive      B. the expensive  
C. the more expensive      D. most expensive
- 11. There aren't any airports near \_\_\_\_\_ hotel. \_\_\_\_\_ nearest one is 70 kilometers away.  
A. the – A      B. a – A      C. a – The      D. the – The
- 12. Mike wishes that he \_\_\_\_\_ a career as a surgeon when he was 18.  
A. would pursue      B. had pursued      C. pursued      D. could pursue

**Read the following 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 from 13 to 16.**

### WHAT TO DO DURING A POWER OUTAGE

1. Stay calm and check if the outage (13) \_\_\_\_\_ only your home or (14) \_\_\_\_\_ entire area. Stay informed using a battery-powered radio for updates.
2. Turn (15) \_\_\_\_\_ all electrical appliances to prevent power surges when power returns. Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to preserve food.
3. Use flashlights instead of candles to avoid fire risks. Avoid downed power lines and report them to the power company.
4. Take (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to regulate body temperature in extreme weather conditions. Limit opening doors and windows to maintain your home's temperature.

- 13. A. effects      B. affects      C. effective      D. effectively
- 14. A.  $\emptyset$       B. a      C. an      D. the
- 15. A. off      B. up      C. on      D. down
- 16. A. safeguards      B. defences      C. precautions      D. protections

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to the questions from 17 to 18.**

**17. Put the sentences (a-c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.**

The morning sky was painted in soft shades of pink and orange as the sun began to rise. Maria sipped her coffee on the balcony, enjoying the peaceful start to the day. \_\_\_\_\_

a. After finishing her breakfast, she headed out for a walk in the nearby park.

b. She had a long list of tasks ahead, but for now, everything felt calm and manageable.

c. The fresh air and the sound of birds chirping helped her focus on her to-do-list

A. b-c-a

B. b-a-c

C. a-c-b

D. c-b-a

**18. Choose the sentence that can end the text (in Question 17) most appropriately.**

A. The trees swayed gently in the breeze, their leaves rustling softly like whispers in the quiet morning.

B. She smiled as she passed by a group of children playing, their laughter echoing through the park.

C. By the time she returned home, she was ready to tackle her to-do list with a positive attitude.

D. Maria made a mental note to appreciate the simple joys in life as she looked at the sky.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

Nowadays, career choices and education for teenagers are major concerns for many parents; (19) \_\_\_\_\_, discussing the choices with their children should be done as soon as possible to keep communication open and honest. If your teens haven't figured things (20) \_\_\_\_\_ yet, one thing that you should never do is panicking and putting too much pressure on them. You should remind them that there are many available options for the future. Feeling unsure what to do in the future doesn't mean that they can laze around as they'll never get back the wasted time. Teenagers must do something to get inspired to do more, (21) \_\_\_\_\_ can help them find themselves on the way.

Teenagers can also find a career that suits their interest just by asking around. By interviewing or having (22) \_\_\_\_\_ with distinct individuals about their careers, teenagers may find out interesting things that surprise them. Therefore, parents can (23) \_\_\_\_\_ their children connect with their friends in professions that (24) \_\_\_\_\_ with their children's interests. Sometimes it is better to hear from someone else than always from parents.

*(Adapted from <https://www.superprof.co.uk/blog/career-choices-for-teens/>)*

**19. A. however      B. in spite of      C. though      D. thus**

**20. A. in      B. out      C. to      D. of**

**21. A. who      B. when      C. which      D. where**

**22. A. ideas      B. meals      C. conversations      D. problems**

**23. A. help      B. invite      C. support      D. encourage**

**24. A. associate      B. align      C. compare      D. liken**

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.**

**25. People say that the old town was much quieter before the Industrial Revolution.**

A. The old town was said to be much quieter before the Industrial Revolution.

B. The old town is said to have been much quieter before the Industrial Revolution.

C. The old town was said to having been much quieter before the Industrial Revolution.

D. The old town is said to being much quieter before the Industrial Revolution.

**26. "Would you like to go out for dinner with me tonight, Jenny?" Michael said.**

A. Michael invited Jenny to go out for dinner with him that night.

B. Michael warned Jenny to go out for dinner with him tonight.

C. Michael reminded Jenny to go out for dinner with him that night.

D. Michael advised Jenny to go out for dinner with him tonight.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best written from the**

**words/phrases given.**

27. If / it / not be / for their support, we / not be able / complete the project on time.

A. If it wasn't for their support, we wouldn't be able to complete the project on time.

B. If it wasn't for their support, we weren't able to complete the project on time.

C. If it hadn't been for their support, we haven't been able to complete the project on time.

D. If it hadn't been for their support, we wouldn't have been able to complete the project on time.

28. Hong Kong / often describe / concrete jungle / due to / dense population.

A. Hong Kong is often described as a concrete jungle due to its dense population.

B. Hong Kong often describes to a concrete jungle due to its dense population.

C. Hong Kong is often described to a concrete jungle due to it's dense population.

D. Hong Kong often describes as a concrete jungle due to it's dense population.

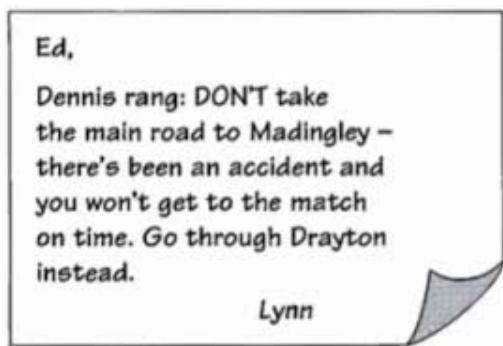
**Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

29. What does the sign say?



- A. We leave some toys at the back of this room for children.
- B. Please don't leave any toys outside this room when you go.
- C. Remember to take your children's toys with you when you leave.
- D. You shouldn't leave this room without bringing any toys with you.

30. What does the notice say?



- A. To avoid being late, Ed should use a different route.
- B. Dennis suggests that it's quicker to go on the main road.
- C. If there's enough time, Lynn would like to see the match.
- D. Dennis says that there is no other route better than Drayton.

**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 following questions from 31 to 36.**

People have lived in caves since the dawn of time. But if you're picturing a cold, damp and cramped space, you'll need to think again. In Spain, thousands of modern day cave-dwellers call a hole in the ground their home and it's a better home than you thought. There are a large number of luxurious houses carved into the Andalucian mountains which offer more comfort than you might imagine.

Why do they choose to live in a cave? To begin with, cave houses are affordable, easy to heat in the winter and stay cool in the summer. Being carved into stone, their temperature does not fluctuate much and it is about 20 degrees Celsius throughout the year. Each home is unique. If you purchase a property which is allowed to be modified, it's easy to carve an extra shelf in the wall or even a whole new room.

However, you don't need such a spacious cave to feel the charm of a cave home. You can't feel that you are underground or feel locked up, even in some of the small-sized houses. Cave houses bring warmth and coziness, which is a unique selling point for many buyers. Most cave homes face the south to allow natural light to enter through the windows cut into the rock face. But due to the ingenious layout of many homes and the white walls, light is easily transmitted throughout. In areas further back, modern builders often use a system of normal mirrors to reflect natural light inside the house.

Cave houses are also surprisingly safe. They are not prone to fires or earthquakes and they do not tend to collapse. However, while deciding to choose this accommodation, you have to take into consideration a few factors. Ventilation is important for a cave home to breathe and prevent excess moisture which can lead to asthma attacks. Electricity is generally preferred over gas, but when gas fittings are provided, these tend to be closer to the front of the cave for safety reasons. As cave communities tend to be in small villages, a car is essential for getting around and nightlife is hard to find. Such homes are for those who prefer a quiet rural lifestyle, quaint cobbled backstreets and **breathtaking** views.

(Adapted from Focus 4)

31. What is the main idea of the reading passage?

- A. Some reasons why the Spanish people live in caves
- B. An overview of modern cave houses in Spain
- C. Ways to ensure the safety of cave houses in Spain
- D. The differences between ancient and modern cave houses

32. According to the passage, which of the following can be a benefit of living in a cave house in Spain?

- A. Limited repairs to the design
- B. Frequent temperature fluctuations
- C. The feeling of being locked up
- D. Reasonable cost of living

33. According to the passage, what is the role of ventilation in cave houses in Spain?

- A. To maintain a stable temperature throughout the year.
- B. To prevent excess moisture that can lead to health issues.
- C. To enhance natural light reflection inside cave houses.
- D. To ensure the amount of fresh air inside cave houses.

34. The word "**ingenious**" in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. clever
- B. creative
- C. dull
- D. resourceful

35. The word "**breathtaking**" in paragraph 4 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. extremely beautiful
- B. surprisingly ordinary
- C. fairly simple
- D. slightly impressive

36. Which of the following activities is NOT true about modern cave houses?

- A. They can offer a unique and cozy living environment.
- B. This accommodation is for those who want to live in city centers.
- C. Cave houses are generally safe from fires and earthquakes.
- D. Mirrors are often used to reflect natural light inside.

*Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.*

Recent studies reveal that rising sea temperatures are severely damaging coral reefs worldwide. Research conducted by marine biologists at the Australian Institute of Marine Science indicates that coral bleaching events have increased in frequency and severity due to global warming. This phenomenon occurs when corals expel the symbiotic algae living in their tissues, (37) \_\_\_\_\_. (38) \_\_\_\_\_.

To mitigate this issue, scientists recommend reducing greenhouse gas emissions through policy changes and adopting sustainable practices, (39) \_\_\_\_\_. (40) \_\_\_\_\_. Addressing climate change proactively is crucial to preserving these vital ecosystems for future generations.

(Adapted from Author)

- A. such as reducing plastic use and supporting marine conservation efforts
- B. leading to a loss of color and vital nutrients
- C. The implications are dire: coral reefs, which support diverse marine ecosystems and protect coastlines, are at risk of collapse.
- D. Additionally, researchers advocate for the development of heat-resistant coral species to bolster reef

resilience

37. \_\_\_\_\_

38. \_\_\_\_\_

39. \_\_\_\_\_

40. \_\_\_\_\_