

Họ, tên thí sinh: .....  
Số báo danh: .....

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 1: Paul is talking to Daisy about students' part-time jobs.

- Paul: "I think money is not the only thing students can get from a part-time job."

- Daisy: ".....". They can also learn new skills and get experience."

A. It's not quite true      B. You are welcome      C. I couldn't agree more      D. You are dead wrong

Question 2: Anna is asking Sarah about the meeting yesterday.

- Anna: "What time did the meeting end?"

- Sarah: "....."

A. Just before lunch      B. As far as possible      C. Once a month      D. For half an hour

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 3: The travel agent gave us such **diverse** choices of destinations all over the country that we couldn't make up our minds.

A. popular      B. advanced      C. various      D. limited

Question 4: As the company is **trimming its sails** to overcome the economic crisis, its employees may have to do without a summer vacation trip.

A. spending more money      B. saving more resources  
C. reducing its costs      D. increasing its profits

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

Question 5: The noise at the party was beginning to **bother** us, so we left.

A. comfort      B. delay      C. excite      D. annoy

Question 6: Beethoven is widely known as an **accomplished** classical composer with a great number of masterpieces.

A. delighted      B. talented      C. boring      D. common

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.

Question 7: A. notice

B. option

C. major

D. review

Question 8: A. museum

B. currency

C. holiday

D. character

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.

Question 9: A. city

B. campus

C. cycle

D. centre

Question 10: A. leap

B. reach

C. team

D. breath

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

Question 11: Among the hobbies Maria has, she finds fishkeeping \_\_\_\_\_ in so many ways.

A. same challenging as

B. the most challenging

C. more challenging like

D. as challenging than

Question 12: The committee \_\_\_\_\_ local residents of the plan to build a new road at the moment.

A. were informing

B. informed

C. have informed

D. are informing

Question 13: Let's water the flowers in the school garden, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. haven't we

B. do you

C. shall we

D. won't you

Question 14: Some public figures advertised dietary supplements \_\_\_\_\_ no certificate of authenticity.

A. having

B. to have

C. had

D. to having

Question 15: With a strong sense of responsibility, the company's chief accountant keeps its financial records in \_\_\_\_\_ detail.

A. delirious

B. meticulous

C. conscientious

D. precipitous



- Question 16: Ms. White considered adapting this fiction for television \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. when she will finish reading it  
 B. by the time she has finished reading it  
 C. as soon as she had finished reading it  
 D. after she finishes reading it
- Question 17: The project to study the ecology of the region \_\_\_\_\_ next year.  
 A. will be launched  
 B. is launching  
 C. has been launched  
 D. launches
- Question 18: School leavers should \_\_\_\_\_ some careful thinking about their future careers.  
 A. do  
 B. set  
 C. make  
 D. put
- Question 19: Carol loves cooking so much that she plans to \_\_\_\_\_ her present job as a secretary to open a restaurant.  
 A. look for  
 B. give up  
 C. make out  
 D. go on

- Question 20: Vietnam is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its spectacular landscape and excellent cuisine.  
 A. from  
 B. in  
 C. to  
 D. for
- Question 21: This swimming pool is very \_\_\_\_\_, so it's not safe for children.  
 A. deeply  
 B. depth  
 C. deep  
 D. deepen
- Question 22: Jason couldn't afford to live here as the landlord put the \_\_\_\_\_ up to \$500 a month.  
 A. fare  
 B. rent  
 C. bonus  
 D. grant
- Question 23: Tourists can only reach the cave by \_\_\_\_\_ boat.  
 A. Ø (no article)  
 B. an  
 C. the  
 D. a
- Question 24: People should avoid \_\_\_\_\_ too much before sleep.  
 A. to eating  
 B. to eat  
 C. eat  
 D. eating
- Question 25: They have been close friends for years; they are as thick as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. thieves  
 B. tribes  
 C. bones  
 D. bloods

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

We all had the experience of trying to learn something new only to find out that we're not very good at it. We look around at (26) \_\_\_\_\_ people we are learning with, those seemingly more gifted than us. It seems to come naturally to them.

Undoubtedly, there are people (27) \_\_\_\_\_ are brilliant at certain things. (28) \_\_\_\_\_, many of them are not really born with talents. Psychologist K. Anders Ericsson studied students at Berlin's Academy of Music. He found that while all the participants in the study had all the (29) \_\_\_\_\_ of world famous musicians, only some of them actually reached international stardom. What made the difference? The answer is simple: practice. The people that became (30) \_\_\_\_\_ were more competitive and practised about 2,000 hours more than others. It turns out that practice really does make perfect.

(Adapted from *Empower*)

- Question 26: A. other  
 Question 27: A. which  
 Question 28: A. Because  
 Question 29: A. takings  
 Question 30: A. instrumental
- B. little  
 B. where  
 B. Therefore  
 B. makings  
 B. fundamental
- C. every  
 C. when  
 C. However  
 C. helpings  
 C. conventional
- D. another  
 D. who  
 D. Although  
 D. coatings  
 D. exceptional

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 questions from 31 to 35.

With a view to shedding new light on the effects of sleeplessness, Randy Gardner, a student in the United States, came up with an experiment for a school science project, in which he stayed awake for over 264 hours. Meanwhile, Dr. William from Stanford University and Gardner's two friends closely observed him.

After 24 hours without sleep, Gardner started having trouble reading and watching television. By the third day, he was all thumbs. By the fourth day, he was hallucinating. Over the next few days, not only did Gardner's speech become so slurred that people could not understand him, but he was also incapable of remembering things. By the eleventh day, Gardner could not pass a counting test, during which he simply stopped counting. He could not remember what he was doing.

When the experiment was over, Gardner slept for 14 hours on end. By the fourth night, he had returned to his normal sleep schedule. Gardner's rapid recovery notwithstanding, scientists believe that going without sleep can be dangerous. They say people should not repeat Gardner's experiment.

Although a person may spend around 25 years sleeping, the purpose of sleep is still shrouded in mystery. The brain was formerly thought to become inactive during sleep, but it turns out to be very



active. Some scientists think that sleep aids the body growth and relieves stress. Whatever the reason, it is vital to get enough sleep.

(Adapted from *Select Reading*)

Question 31: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- ☐ A. What are Solutions to Sleeplessness? ☒ B. What Makes a Good Sleep?  
☐ C. How Important is Sleep? ☒ D. How to Fall Asleep Quickly?

Question 32: According to paragraph 1, Randy Gardner \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. invented an experiment on the impacts of sleeplessness  
☐ B. usually suffered from serious sleeplessness  
☐ C. made Dr. William stay awake for more than 264 hours  
☐ D. watched his two friends conducting a school science project

Question 33: The word slurred in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. unfriendly ☒ B. unclear ☒ C. unkind ☐ D. uncertain

Question 34: The word it in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. brain ☐ B. mystery ☐ C. purpose ☐ D. sleep

Question 35: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- ☐ A. Scientists have already identified the exact purpose of sleep.  
☒ B. People are discouraged from trying out Gardner's experiment.  
☐ C. Gardner's recovery after the experiment was very slow.  
☒ D. Gardner couldn't remember things within the first sleepless day.

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 questions from 36 to 42.

In the distance, an enormous, menacing-looking tornado can be seen. Luckily, the area has been evacuated and there is no one to be seen. Then, out of the blue, a few kilometres away a van appears and races down the road straight towards the tornado. Both in their twenties, Joe Hammond and his wife Emma are heading for it. Their purpose is to monitor various characteristics of a tornado, such as its speed, direction, and temperature. The storm chasers are planning to plant themselves directly in the path of the tornado to amass as much information as they can.

Joe and Emma are dedicated storm chasers. They began to chase storms as university students, and in recent years they have been travelling vast distances around the USA in their efforts to locate tornadoes. Bizarre as it may sound, they are not the only people to do it. During the tornado season, hundreds of people cross Tornado Alley, an area between South Dakota and Texas. Their vehicles are almost unrecognisable, as they are concealed underneath an assortment of electronic equipment and contain all manner of communication devices.

When asked why people are so fascinated by tornadoes, Joe said some tornado chasers relish the challenge, while others might just love the exhilaration of being in a treacherous situation. Some experienced chasers have even turned their hobby into a business and set up travel agencies offering tourists trips which guarantee a ringside view of the twisters. It seems, however, that people like Joe and Emma also make a pivotal contribution to the study of tornadoes.

The fact is, although there are about a thousand tornadoes in the USA each year, meteorologists still do not fully comprehend why they happen. This is partly because the research done by radars in laboratories is not as efficacious as mobile equipment deployed directly at the scene. Thus, some research meteorologists even go storm chasing themselves. It seems that the thrill, combined with a desire to understand nature, is the reason why people like Joe and Emma chase tornadoes.

(Adapted from *Venture into First for Schools*)

Question 36: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- ☐ A. A Sting in a Tornado's Tail ☒ B. Tornado-Forecasting Devices in the Pipeline  
☐ C. In Quest of Tornado Hunters ☐ D. In Pursuit of Tornadoes

Question 37: The word monitor in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. develop ☐ B. examine ☒ C. escape ☒ D. remove

Question 38: According to paragraph 1, Joe and Emma \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. are running away from an imminent tornado  
☒ B. are being chased by a ferocious tornado  
☒ C. intend to collect as much data about a tornado as possible  
☐ D. have evacuated the residents from a tornado-stricken area

Question 39: The word concealed in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. prevented ☐ B. driven ☐ C. hidden ☐ D. damaged



Question 40: The word they in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Joe and Emma  
B. meteorologists  
C. tornadoes  
D. radars

Question 41: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Chasing tornadoes is appealing to some people on account of its challenge.  
B. Tornadoes are rare occurrences in the USA every year.  
C. Joe and Emma may contribute greatly to research on tornadoes.  
D. Tornado chasers are often armed with myriad electronic devices.

Question 42: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Tornado Alley is second to none in the USA when it comes to chasing storms.  
B. Meteorologists are completely in the dark about the causes of tornadoes.  
C. Joe and Emma turned chasing storms into a lucrative business.  
D. Some scientists go storm chasing out of research purposes.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 43: Jack went to great lengths to get the report finished by the deadline. He didn't succeed.

- A. Such was the length of the report that Jack couldn't finish it by the deadline.  
B. Not until the deadline did Jack succeed in getting the report finished.  
C. What made it impossible for Jack to finish the report by the deadline was its great length.  
D. Try as he might, Jack didn't manage to get the report finished by the deadline.

Question 44: That woman is talking noisily on the bus. This really makes me crazy.

- A. If only that woman didn't stop talking noisily on the bus.  
B. If only that woman could talk more noisily on the bus.  
C. I wish that woman hadn't talked noisily on the bus.  
D. I wish that woman would stop talking noisily on the bus.

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

Question 45: It was probably their least impressive performance.

- A. They shouldn't have performed more impressively.  
B. They needn't have performed more impressively.  
C. They could have performed more impressively.  
D. They must have performed more impressively.

Question 46: Casey started working as a restaurant manager ten years ago.

- A. The last time Casey managed a restaurant was ten years ago.  
B. Casey has been managing a restaurant for ten years.  
C. Casey hasn't been managing a restaurant for ten years.  
D. Casey last worked as a restaurant manager ten years ago.

Question 47: "What are you planning to do tomorrow, Sarah?" Max asked.

- A. Max asked Sarah what was she planning to do tomorrow.  
B. Max asked Sarah what she was planning to do the following day.  
C. Max asked Sarah what are you planning to do tomorrow.  
D. Max asked Sarah what you are planning to do the following day.

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

Question 48: Some of my colleagues are trying to keep the balance between his life and work.

- A B C D

Question 49: The local government started a green movement last week and everyone in my community had practised recycling since.

- A B C D

Question 50: Mr. Thompsons is a generous beneficiary who has funded many initiatives aimed at illiteracy eradication in mountainous regions.

- A B C D

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