

**A. POINTS IN FOCUS**

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**TRẮC NGHIỆM KHÁCH QUAN**

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**CLOZE TEXT: 3 parts**

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## B. PRACTICE FOR THE 1st MID-TERM TEST

### PRACTICE TEST UNIT 1

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

Question 1. A. character      B. chores      C. children      D. check

Question 2. A. bread      B. create      C. tread      D. threaten

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

Question 3. A. household      B. family      C. laundry      D. afraid

Question 4. A. divide      B. rubbish      C. heavy      D. equal

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

Question 5: My parents \_\_\_\_\_ away on business, so now my grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- A. is/ looks after      B. are/ looks after  
C. are/ is looking after      D. are/ are looking after

Question 6: My dad \_\_\_\_\_ money as a breadwinner while my mom \_\_\_\_\_ most of the housework as a housewife.

- A. earns/ is doing      B. is earning/ does      C. is earning/ is doing      D. earns/ does

Question 7: His parents gave him a lot of support and helped him achieve \_\_\_\_\_ in his studies.

- A. successful      B. success      C. succeed      D. successfully

Question 8: I am so proud \_\_\_\_\_ what I have done to support my parents.

- A. with      B. for      C. of      D. to

Question 9: Both parents \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for raising children and doing the chores.

- A. bring      B. have      C. take      D. make

Read the following advertisement/ 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 10 to 15.

#### Do you speak English?

#### Are you interested in museums?

Would you like a holiday job where you could meet people from all over (10) \_\_\_\_\_ world?

We are looking (11) \_\_\_\_\_ someone to work in the City Museum shop during the holidays.

No experience is necessary, but you must be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful and have some interest in art.

Contact Mrs. Donovan at the City Museum.

Question 10: A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø (no article)

Question 11: A. for      B. on      C. at      D. in

Question 12: A. friend      B. friendship      C. friendliness      D. friendly

#### Book reviews wanted

Have you read a book in which the main character behaved in a surprising way?

Write us a review of the book, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ what the main character did and why it was surprising.

Tell us whether or not you (14) \_\_\_\_\_ recommend this book to other people.

The best review (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the magazine.

Question 13: A. explaining      B. complaining      C. containing      D. remaining

Question 14: A. should      B. would      C. can      D. do

Question 15: A. publishes      B. publish      C. will be published      D. published

**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.**

**Question 16:**

- a. First, doing housework helps children develop some important life skills such as doing the laundry, cleaning the house or taking care of others.
- b. They will certainly need those skills in their lives later, when they start their own families.
- c. I think children should do housework for a number of reasons.
- d. Second, children can learn to take responsibility when they do housework. They know that they have to do something even though they don't like to do it.
- e. So doing housework is really good for children and I believe that they should do it.

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

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

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

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

**Question 17:**

- a. Thirdly, the government needs to have policies to prioritize women, so that they have better chances to develop their ability, and better conditions to contribute more to the society, and to compete equally with men.
- b. Dear Mary, I hope you've been doing well! I've been thinking of several ways to improve gender equality and give women better chances to develop their ability.
- c. Finally, more jobs should be made available to women so that they will have better conditions to develop themselves to be equal to men.
- d. Firstly, the importance and roles of women should be propagated to the development of society.
- e. Secondly, education system should do more to improve the knowledge of people about women, and to eliminate the prejudice of neglecting women and their value.
- f. Lots of love.

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

**B.** b-d-e-a-c-f

**C.** b-a-d-e-c-f

**D.** b-e-d-a-c-f

**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 18 to 23.**

Many young people strive to be independent. (18) \_\_\_\_\_, and you don't have to rely on anyone else. However, to live independently, you need a number of life skills in order not to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and older brothers or sisters. One of the most important skills is time management (20) \_\_\_\_\_ and self-esteem. With good time management skills, you can perform (21) \_\_\_\_\_, including your responsibilities at school and at home with pleasing results. Moreover, you will not feel stressed when exam dates are approaching. These skills can also help you act more independently and responsibly, get better grades at school and (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

Developing time-management skills is not as challenging as you may think. Firstly, make a plan for things you need to do, including appointments and deadlines. Using a diary or apps on mobile devices will remind you of what you need to accomplish and when you need to accomplish it. Secondly, prioritize your activities. You need to decide which tasks are the most urgent and important. Thirdly, develop routines because routines, when established, take less time for you to do your tasks.

Time management skills are not hard to develop; once you master them, you will find out that they are great keys to success and (23) \_\_\_\_\_.

- Question 18:**
- A.** meaning you are able to take care of yourself
  - B.** What means you are able to take care of yourself
  - C.** That means you are able to take care of yourself
  - D.** meant you are able to take care of yourself

- Question 19:**
- A.** depend on your parents
  - B.** depended on your parents
  - C.** to depend on your parents
  - D.** depending on your parents

- Question 20:**
- A.** can help you build your confidence

- B. which can help you build your confidence
- C. where can help you build your confidence
- D. can be helped to build your confidence

**Question 21:** A. their daily tasks  
C. my daily tasks

B. our daily tasks  
D. your daily tasks

**Question 22:** A. have more for family and friends time  
C. have more time for your family and friends

B. family and friends have more time for  
D. family and friends have for more time

**Question 23:** A. you can become independent.  
C. this is can become independent.

B. her can become independent.  
D. that is can become independent

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 24 to 28.**

Family life is an important aspect of our well-being. When we have strong relationships with our relatives, we (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to be happier and healthier. Being part of a family also provides a sense of (25) \_\_\_\_\_. Research has shown that children who grow up in families with strong parent-child (26) \_\_\_\_\_ tend to do better in school, be more resilient, and experience fewer behavioral problems. Unfortunately, family life can also be challenging. Conflict and relationship problems can cause stress and impact mental health. Changes in family structure, (27) \_\_\_\_\_ divorce or remarriage, can be particularly challenging for children.

It's important to invest time and effort in building and maintaining strong relationships. Spending quality time with family members, engaging in activities together, and showing appreciation toward each other can help build strong family bonds. The benefits of a strong family life are (28) \_\_\_\_\_ and can contribute to our overall well-being.

(Source: <https://www.psychologytoday.com>)

**Question 24.** A. intend      B. tend

C. pretend      D. attend

**Question 25.** A. belonging      B. humour

C. purpose      D. happiness

**Question 26.** A. friendships      B. bonds

C. partnerships      D. fellowships

**Question 27.** A. in addition      B. in contrast

C. for instance      D. such as

**Question 28.** A. essential      B. tiny

C. numerous      D. small

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 29 to 33.**

When your child was younger, your role was to lay the foundations for his behaviour. For example, you probably showed your child how to cooperate and take turns with others. Now your child is in his teens, he can start taking responsibility for his own behaviour. But you're still an important role model.

What you do shows your child how you want her to behave. For example, how you cope with feelings like frustration and distress influences how your child regulates her emotions. What you eat, how much you exercise, and how you look after yourself all influence your child. What you say is also important. You can help your child to manage and control his behaviour by talking about how behaviour affects other people. You can also talk more with your child about the differences between right and wrong. Now's a good time for this because your child is developing his ability to understand other people's experiences and feelings. You might think that your child's peers and friends have a stronger influence in the teenage years than you do. Friends and peers do influence your child, but so do you - it's just that peer influence is different from your influence. Your child's friends are more likely to influence everyday behaviour, like the music your child listens to or the clothes he wears. As a parent, you influence your child's basic values, like religious values, and issues related to her future, like

educational choices. And **the stronger your relationship with your child, the more influence you'll have**. That's because your child values your good opinion, advice and support. In fact, it's likely that when your child becomes a young adult, he'll end up with values, beliefs and behaviour that are similar to yours.

**Question 29.** Which of the following could be the main topic of the passage?

- A. The differences between the parents' effects and peers' ones
- B. Parents' influence on children
- C. How children grow up
- D. Parents' responsibilities for children's behavior

**Question 30.** The word "**regulates**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. controls
- B. manages
- C. conveys
- D. expresses

**Question 31.** The word "**this**" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the difference between right and wrong
- B. behaviour
- C. helping your child
- D. talking to your child

**Question 32.** What is the main distinction between the influence of parents and that of friends?

- A. Friends may change children's daily actions while parents affect their essential values.
- B. Friends may affect children's interests whereas parents set up their personalities.
- C. Friends may influence children's choices while parents offer advice and support.
- D. Friends' effects on children are greater than those of parents.

**Question 33.** According to the passage, in which of the following aspects are children **NOT** affected by parents?

- A. education
- B. beliefs
- C. passion
- D. behaviour

**Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to each of the questions**

### ***Family Life in the United States***

Family life in the United States is changing. Thirty or forty years ago, the wife was called a "housewife". She cleaned, cooked, and cared for the children. The husband earned the money for the family. He was usually out working all day. He came home tired in the evening, so he did not do much housework. And he did not see the children very much, except on weekends.

These days, however, more and more women work outside the home. They cannot stay with the children all day. They, too, come home tired in the evening. They do not want to spend the evening cooking dinner and cleaning up. They do not have time to clean the house and do the **laundry**. So, who is going to do the housework now? Who is going to take care of the children?

Many families solve the problem of housework by sharing it. In these families, the husband and wife agree to do different jobs around the house, or they take turns doing each job. For example, the husband always cooks dinner, and the wife always does the laundry. Or the wife cooks dinner on some nights and the husband cooks dinner on other nights.

Then there is a question of the children. In the past, many families got help with childcare from grandparents. Noe families usually do not live near their relatives. The grandparents often are too far away to help in a regular way.

More often, parents have to pay for childcare help. The help may be a babysitter or a day-care centre. The problem with this kind of help is the high cost. It is possible only for couples with jobs that pay well.

Parents may get another kind of help from the companies they work for. Many companies now let people with children work part-time. That way, parents can spend more time with their children. Some husbands may even stop working for a while to stay with the children. For these men there is a new word: **They** are called "househusband". In the United States more and more men are becoming househusband every year.

These changes in the home mean changes in the family. Fathers can learn to understand their children better, and the children can get to know their fathers better. Husbands and wives may also find changes in their marriage. They, too, may have a better understanding of each other.

**Question 34.** This article is about \_\_\_\_\_



## PRACTICE TEST UNIT 2

**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.**

**Question 1:** A. fabric                      B. laptop                      C. patent                      D. imitate

**Question 2:** A. smartphone                      B. fastener                      C. portable                      D. costly

**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 the position of primary stress in each of the following sentences.**

**Question 3:** A. download                      B. follow                      C. keyboard                      D. linguist

**Question 4:** A. biology                      B. laborious                      C. filament                      D. disaster

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

**Question 5:** In less than a decade you will carry a \_\_\_\_\_ laser pen capable of sealing wounds.

- A. readable                      B. comfortable                      C. portable                      D. capable

**Question 6:** When he realised that I \_\_\_\_\_ at him, he \_\_\_\_\_ away.

- A. looked - was turning                      B. was looking – turned  
C. was looking - was turning                      D. looked - turned

**Question 7:** Two years ago, the students \_\_\_\_\_ have four hours a week of language tutorials, but now they have five hours.

- A. used to                      B. were used to                      C. got used to                      D. use to

**Question 8:** How fast \_\_\_\_\_ when the accident happened?

- A. are you driving                      B. were you driving                      C. did you drive                      D. had you driven

**Question 9:** After taking part in public activities in their community, they realized that they had been ignorant or \_\_\_\_\_ before.

- A. narrow-minded                      B. open-minded                      C. like-minded                      D. high-minded

**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.**

**Question 10:** a- One day, I bought a long plastic snake and put it next to my sister on her bed.

b- When I was young, my sister looked after me as our parents worked abroad.

c- I used to think of playing a prank on my sister as she was always shouting at me.

d- She cried a lot, so I had to apologise to her and promised never to prank on her.

e- At midnight, she suddenly screamed when she touched something long and soft.

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

**Question 11:** a- Besides, I must get up sooner so that I can have breakfast before going to the train station.

b- Dear sister, I hope you are OK and will succeed in your job.

c- Also, life is hard, which reminds me the days in Viet Nam when you prepared everything for me.

d- Lots of love.

e- Firstly, I'm sorry that I wake you up at 6 A.M because it is 4 A.M in Ibaraki, Japan now.

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

**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 days free \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

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

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **Save up to 45% (15) \_\_\_\_\_ computer software.**
  - **Only at our Main Street store.**
  - **Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 to 21:00.**
- Receive (16) \_\_\_\_\_ on all the latest software packages by bringing canned food for (17) \_\_\_\_\_ homeless. The more food, the more you save.**

- Question 15.** A. in                      B. at                      C. on                      D. down  
**Question 16.** A. savings                      B. downgrades                      C. downloads                      D. discounts  
**Question 17.** A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. all

**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.**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is all about **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_. Technology is progressing at an unprecedented rate and **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ way we live is changing along with it. When historians look back on the early 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_, 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. **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_, he sits quite high on a number of global rankings. His net worth, currently around 93 billion dollars, makes him the world's 5<sup>th</sup> richest person. Forbes **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- Question 18.** A. innovation                      B. innovative                      C. innovate                      D. innovatively  
**Question 19.** A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. no article  
**Question 20.** A. adulthood                      B. childhood                      C. upbringing                      D. income  
**Question 21.** A. So far                      B. At that time                      C. Currently                      D. Up to now  
**Question 22.** A. graded                      B. rated                      C. marked                      D. scored

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

Digital devices play an essential part of teenagers' lives nowadays. **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ parents should not strictly limit their screen time for the following reasons. **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_, I think that by limiting the use of technology, parents will also limit what teens can benefit from it. In fact, **(25)** \_\_\_\_\_ and necessary skills through online educational games and videos. **(26)** \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers' screen time is strictly controlled by their parents, the gap between parents and children may become wider. Teenagers may think that their parents are very mean and not fair to them and may refuse to talk to them. **(27)** \_\_\_\_\_ it is not a good idea for parents to strictly limit their teenagers' screen time. Teens can benefit from screen activities that encourage learning and parents can develop a better relationship with their children if they do not control **(28)** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 23:** A. I strongly believe that

- B. I hardly believe that
- C. I scarcely believe that
- D. I barely believe that

**Question 24:** A. Firstly all                      B. First of all                      C. At firstly                      D. The first

**Question 25:** A. teenagers can learn a lot from useful knowledge  
 B. teenagers' knowledge is very useful  
 C. teenagers can learn a lot of useful knowledge  
 D. teenagers' useful knowledge can learn a lot

**Question 26:** A. In addition to                      B. In addition when  
 C. In addition, when                      D. In addition, to

**Question 27:** A. As the conclusion, I believe that  
 B. To be concluded, I believe that  
 C. In conclusion, I believe that  
 D. To the conclusion, I believe that

**Question 28:** A. the time that electronic devices spent  
 B. the spent time that on electronic devices  
 C. the time on electronic devices that spent  
 D. the time spent on electronic devices.

**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.**

May 2, 2000, saw a great improvement in the accuracy of GPS. Tens of thousands of GPS receivers were instantly upgraded. An announcement from the White House meant everyone's ability to pinpoint their location or their item's location. On May 3, a GPS enthusiast named Dave Ulmer tested this accuracy by hiding a navigational target in the woods. He placed a black bucket containing a logbook, a pencil, videos, books, software and a slingshot in the woods near Beavercreek, Oregon near Portland. Next, he shared the waypoint with the online community. Within three days, two different people used their own GPS receivers to find the container and wrote about their experiences. The original idea was simple, hide a container and note the coordinates with GPS unit. The rules for participants include 'Take some, leave some'. Various ideas were suggested in place of 'stash' before 'geocaching' was **settled on**.

**Question 29:** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The development of geocaching
- B. The naming of geocaching
- C. The history of geocaching
- D. The popularity of geocaching

**Question 30:** The first geocaches were \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hidden by the White House
- B. found by Dave Ulmer
- C. set up to test the accuracy of GPS
- D. chosen carefully to show enthusiasm

**Question 31:** When were the first geocaches hidden by Dave Ulmer found?

- A. May 2, 2000
- B. May 3, 2000
- C. May 5, 2000
- D. May 6, 2000

**Question 32:** Dave Ulmer gave information about his hidden things \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in the newspaper
- B. on the internet
- C. on television
- D. by post

**Question 33:** The phrase "**settled on**" is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. preferred
- B. discarded
- C. voted
- D. chose

**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.**

### THE MODERN CARS OF THE FUTURE

Today's cars are smaller, safer, cleaner, and more economical than their predecessors, but the car of the future will be far more pollution-free than those on the road today. Several new types of automobile

engines have already been developed that run on alternative sources of power, such as electricity, compressed natural gas, methanol, steam, hydrogen, propane. Electricity, however, is the only zero-emission option presently available.

Although electric vehicles will not be truly practical until a powerful, compact battery or another dependable source of current is available, transportation experts foresee a new assortment of electric vehicles entering everyday life: shorter-range commuter electric cars, three-wheeled neighbourhood cars, electric delivery vans, bikes, and trolleys.

As automakers work to develop practical electric vehicles, urban planners and utility engineers are focusing on infrastructure systems to support and make the best use of the new cars. Public **charging** facilities will need to be as common as today's gas stations. Public parking spots on the street or in commercial lots will need to be equipped with devices that allow drivers to charge their batteries while they stop, dine, or attend a concert. To encourage the use of electric vehicles, the most convenient parking in transportation centres might be reserved for electric cars.

Planners foresee electric shuttle buses, trains, and neighbourhood vehicles all meeting at transit centres that would have facilities for charging and renting. **Commuters** will be able to rent a variety of electric cars to suit their needs: light trucks, one-person three-wheelers, small cars, or electric/ gasoline **hybrid** cars for longer trips, which will no doubt take place on automated freeways capable of handling five times the number of vehicles that can be carried by a freeway today.

**Question 34.** The following electric vehicles are all mentioned in the passage EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. trolleys                      B. trains                      C. vans                      D. planes

**Question 35.** The author's purpose in the passage is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. criticize conventional vehicles  
B. describe the possibilities for transportation in the future  
C. narrate a story about alternative energy vehicles  
D. support the invention of electric cars

**Question 36.** According to the passage, public parking lots of the future will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. more convenient than they are today                      B. as common as today's gas stations  
C. much larger than they are today                      D. equipped with charging devices

**Question 37.** The word "**charging**" in this passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. parking                      B. credit cards                      C. electricity                      D. lightning

**Question 38.** It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the present cars are more economical than their future generation  
B. electricity is the best alternative source of power as it is almost free of pollution  
C. the present electric engines are the best option as being practical  
D. many new types of practical electric engines have been developed

**Question 39.** The word "**hybrid**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. automated                      B. hazardous                      C. futuristic                      D. combination

**Question 40.** The word "**commuters**" in paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cab drivers                      B. visitors                      C. daily travelers                      D. shoppers

TRIAL TEST 1

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 1. A. user                      B. conserve                      C. browser                      D. laser

Question 2. A. table                      B. make                      C. drape                      D. surface

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 the primary stress in the following question.

Question 3. A. keyboard                      B. linguist                      C. password                      D. marine

Question 4. A. detergent                      B. furniture                      C. vacuuming                      D. difference

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

Question 5. Yesterday at six my sister \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

A. prepared                      B. was preparing                      C. is preparing                      D. prepares

Question 6. That building \_\_\_\_\_ a cinema, but it's closed down.

A. would be                      B. used to be                      C. is used to being                      D. is used to be

Question 7. I \_\_\_\_\_ to see her twice, but she wasn't at home.

A. was coming                      B. come                      C. am coming                      D. came

Question 8. Men have \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to be the primary breadwinners in many societies.

A. so a                      B. such a                      C. such an                      D. so an

Question 9. \_\_\_\_\_ the expectations of men and women in different cultures.

A. So different are                      B. Such is a difference  
C. Such a difference is                      D. So different is

Read the following advertisement/ 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

**Announcement: Annual Science Conference 2024**

The **Annual Science Conference 2024** will be held on November 15th, focusing on the theme "**Innovative Solutions for Global Challenges.**" The event will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with a keynote address, attendees can take part in expert-led panels and workshops throughout the day. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the panels conclude, participants will have the opportunity to join networking sessions. When you attend, you'll be able to keep up with the latest advancements in science and technology. Stay tuned for further details, and don't miss out on this (12) \_\_\_\_\_ event!

Question 10. A. start on                      B. set off                      C. kick about                      D. kick off

Question 11. A. As soon as                      B. While                      C. During                      D. Before

Question 12. A. obsolete                      B. significant                      C. irrelevant                      D. minor

**Family Game Night**

**Let's Make Some Memories!**

Join us for a fun-filled Family Game Night on 20<sup>th</sup> October at Miss Xiem's house! Gather your loved ones and come together for an evening of laughter, competition, and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ time. We'll have a variety of games to suit all ages and interests, from classic board games to exciting card games.

Let's (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the most of this opportunity to disconnect from screens and reconnect with each other. Good food, refreshing drinks, and great company await! Invite your family and friends to join in (15) \_\_\_\_\_ fun. We can't wait to make this a memorable night for everyone.

**Don't miss out on this chance to create lasting memories!**

- Question 13.** A. excellence    B. attribution    C. quality    D. value  
**Question 14.** A. do    B. make    C. take    D. get  
**Question 15.** A. a    B. an    C. the    D. no article

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

**Question 16.**

- a. A smart home assistant offers various advantages for households.  
 b. Besides providing entertainment options like music streaming or answering queries, it also improves home security through features like camera monitoring.  
 c. First, thanks to the ability to control multiple devices through voice commands, it enhances convenience and efficiency.  
 d. Therefore, having a smart home assistant not only simplifies daily tasks but also creates a more comfortable and secure living environment.  
 e. Second, it helps save energy by managing lights and appliances, reducing electricity usage.

- A.** a-c-b-e-d    **B.** a-c-e-b-d    **C.** a-e-c-b-d    **D.** a-e-b-c-d

**Question 17.**

- a. As a result, modern relationships are characterized by partnership and shared decision-making, fostering a stronger and more balanced family dynamic.  
 b. For instance, women are now more likely to pursue careers and contribute financially to the household, while men are taking on a greater share of domestic duties and childcare.  
 c. Traditional gender roles within families have undergone significant transformations in recent times.  
 d. Moreover, these evolving roles have led to a more equitable distribution of power within families.  
 e. Consequently, the boundaries between male and female responsibilities have become increasingly blurred.

- A.** c-a-b-d-e    **B.** c-d-e-b-a    **C.** c-e-d-a-b    **D.** c-e-b-d-a

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

**HOME LIFE**

"Parents today want their kids to spend time on things **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_, but ironically, we've stopped doing one thing that's actually been a proven predictor of success-and that's household chores," says Richard Rende, **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_, Ariz, and co- author of forthcoming book "Raising Can-Do Kids." Decades of studies show the benefits of chores- academically, emotionally and even professionally. **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ at an early age helps to build a lasting sense of mastery, responsibility and self-reliance, according to research by Marty Rossmann, professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota. In 2002, Dr Rossmann analysed data from a longitudinal study that followed 84 children across four periods **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ in preschool, around ages 10 and 15, and in their mid-20s. She found that young adults who began chores at ages 3 and 4 were more likely to have good relationships with family and friends, to achieve academic and early career success and to be self-sufficient, **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ those who didn't have chores or who started them as teens. Chores also teach children how to be **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ to others' needs, notes psychologist Richard Weisbord of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

(Adapted from <http://www.wsj.com/articles/why-children-need-chores>)

- Question 18.** A. bring them success.    B. what brings them success.  
 C. that can bring them success.    D. it brings success.

- Question 19.** A. a developmental psychologist in Paradise Valley  
 B. a psychologist develops in Paradise Valley  
 C. in Paradise Valley developmental psychologist  
 D. a psychologist in developed Paradise Valley

- Question 20.** A. To give children household chores  
B. Giving children household chores  
C. Household chores giving to children  
D. Given children household chores
- Question 21.** A. in his lives  
B. in our lives  
C. in your lives  
D. in their lives
- Question 22.** A. in contrast with  
B. as a result of  
C. as compared with  
D. similar with
- Question 23.** A. empathetic and responsive  
B. empathetic and responsible  
C. empathy and response  
D. empathetical and respond

**Read the following passage 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 14 to 18.**

(24) \_\_\_\_\_ household chores is beneficial to children. To get children involved in chores, it's best to start by choosing chores that work for children's ages and abilities. Chores that are too hard can be frustrating - or even dangerous - and chores that are too easy might be boring.

Even young children can help with chores if you choose activities that are right for their age. You can start with simple jobs like (25) \_\_\_\_\_ toys. Chores like this send the message that your child's contribution is important.

It's also important to think about chores or tasks that get your child involved in taking care of the family as a whole. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ simple one is getting your child to help with setting or clearing the table. Jobs like these are likely to give your child a sense of (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and participation.

If your child is old enough, you can have a family discussion about chores. This can reinforce the idea that the whole family contributes to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the household runs. Children over 6 years old can have a say in which chores they do.

*Adapted from <https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/family-life/routines-rituals-rules/chores-for-children>*

- Question 24.** A. Doing  
B. Taking  
C. Making  
D. Getting
- Question 25.** A. throwing away  
B. packing up  
C. washing up  
D. moving in
- Question 26.** A. Every  
B. Any  
C. A  
D. Some
- Question 27.** A. responsible  
B. responsibly  
C. responsibility  
D. responsibilities
- Question 28.** A. how  
B. when  
C. where  
D. which

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

Many people believe the glare from snow causes snow-blindness. Yet, dark glasses or not, they find themselves suffering from headaches and watering eyes, and even snow blindness, when exposed to several hours of "snow light".

The United States Army has now determined that the glare from snow does not cause snow-blindness in troops in a snow-covered country. Rather, a man's eyes frequently find nothing to focus on in a broad expanse of a snow-covered area. So, his gaze continually shifts and jumps back and forth over the entire landscape in search of something to look at. Finding nothing, hour after hour, the eyes never stop searching and the eyeballs become sore and the eye muscles ache. Nature balances this annoyance by producing more and more liquid which covers the eyeballs. The liquid covers the eyeballs in increasing quantity until vision blurs. And the result is total, even though temporary, snow-blindness.

Experiments led the Army to a simple method of overcoming this problem. Scouts ahead of a main body of troops are trained to shake snow from evergreen bushes, creating a dotted line as **they** cross completely snow-covered landscape. Even the scouts themselves throw lightweight, dark-coloured objects ahead on which they too can focus. The men following can then see something. Their gaze is arrested.

Their eyes focus on a bush and having found something to see, stop searching through the snow-blanketed landscape. By focusing their attention on one object at a time, the men can cross the snow without becoming hopelessly snow-blind or lost: In this way the problem of crossing a solid white area is overcome.

(Source: <http://www.mofangge.com/html/qDetail>)

**Question 29:** To prevent headaches, watering eyes and blindness caused by the glare from snow, dark glasses are \_\_\_\_\_

- A. indispensable      B. useful      C. ineffective      D. available

**Question 30:** The eyeballs become sore and the eye muscles ache because \_\_\_\_\_

- A. tears cover the eyeballs  
B. the eyes are annoyed by blinding sunlight  
C. the eyes are annoyed by blinding snow  
D. there is nothing to focus on

**Question 31:** According to the passage, snow-blindness may be avoided by \_\_\_\_\_ concentrating on

- A. the solid white terrain  
B. searching for something to look at in snow-covered terrain  
C. providing the eyes with something to focus on  
D. covering the eyeballs with fluid

**Question 32:** The underlined word "they" in the third paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. experiments      B. scouts      C. main troops      D. bushes

**Question 33:** A suitable title for this passage would be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Snow-blindness and How to Overcome It  
B. Nature's Cure for Snow-blindness  
C. Soldiers Marching in the Snow  
D. Snow Vision and Its Effect on Eyesight

**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.**

Family routines set out how families organise themselves to get things done, spend time together and have fun. Routines help family members know who should do what, when, in what order and how often. Routines also let your children know what's important to your family. Routines can bring children several benefits.

Routines can be part of an organised and **predictable** home environment, which helps children and teenagers feel safe and looked after. And a predictable family life can also help children cope during development changes like puberty or life events like the birth of a new child, divorce, illness or a house move. Also, routines built around having fun or spending time together develop a sense of belonging and strengthen family relationships. For example, your routine might include things like reading a story together before bed each night, sharing regular family meals, or having a kick with your child before soccer practice every week.

Having chores as part of family routines helps children and teenagers develop a sense of responsibility and some **basic** skills like time management. **These** are what children can use for life. And when children can do their parts of the routine with less help or supervision, it also helps them become more independent.

Routines can help younger children to learn healthy habits, like brushing their teeth, taking medicine regularly, doing physical activity, or washing their hands after using the toilet. This means that routines can be good for children's health. For example, children who wash their hands more regularly might be less likely to get colds and other common illnesses. Also, routines can reduce stress, and lower stress is good for children's immune systems.

**Question 34:** Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Importance of Family Routines
- B. Organizing Family Time Effectively
- C. Developing Healthy Habits in Children
- D. Building Strong Family Relationships

**Question 35:** The word 'predictable' in paragraph 2 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. anticipated
- B. planned
- C. conscious
- D. spontaneous

**Question 36:** According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as an example of a family routine?

- A. reading a story together before going to bed each night
- B. having regular family meals
- C. participating in soccer practice every week
- D. taking turns doing household chores

**Question 37:** The word 'basic' in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. additional
- B. unnecessary
- C. primary
- D. unimportant

**Question 38:** The word 'these' in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. skills
- B. chores
- C. routines
- D. teenagers

**Question 39:** Which of the following is NOT true about routines according to the passage?

- A. Routines promote healthy habits in children.
- B. Routines are unnecessary for building strong family relationships.
- C. Routines help children cope with changes in family life.
- D. Routines teach children responsibility and life skills.

**Question 40:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Routines are only important for younger children, not teenagers.
- B. Family routines help children deal with major life changes.
- C. Children who have routines are more likely to get sick.
- D. Independent children do not require any help or supervision in their routines.

### C. PRACTICE FOR THE 1st TERM TEST

#### PRACTICE TEST UNIT 3

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

Question 1. A. hold                      B. ahead                      C. echo                      D. hear

Question 2. A. bad                      B. band                      C. plan                      D. want

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

Question 3. A. music                      B. single                      C. award                      D. talent

Question 4. A. perform                      B. programme                      C. become                      D. amaze

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

Question 5: If you want to stay slim, you have to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

A. more healthy                      B. more healthily                      C. healthier                      D. healthiest

Question 6: The stage \_\_\_\_\_ was carefully planned to create a lively atmosphere for the audience.

A. decoration                      B. decorative                      C. decorate                      D. decoratively

Question 7: The judges are in charge of deciding the contestants who will \_\_\_\_\_ to the next round.

A. depend on                      B. dress up                      C. go on                      D. vote for

Question 8: I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.

A. try                      B. tried                      C. have tried                      D. am trying

Question 9: We've had \_\_\_\_\_ problems with our new computer that we had to send it back to the shop.

A. so                      B. such                      C. enough                      D. too

Read the following leaflet/school announcements 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 10 to 15

#### SITUATION VACANT

Required workaholic male/female youngsters, graduate with minimum two years \_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_ experience in Marketing, Office administration, Team lead, Content developing etc. for \_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_ posts for a new branch office in Noida. Age below 30 years. Should have \_\_\_ (12) \_\_\_ good command over English. Salary as per qualification and experience. Walk in with your resume from 22nd November to 25th November 2020 between 11.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. at Hotel Nalanda. Contact Mr. Abhay Upadhyay, CEO, Aspire India Pvt. Ltd., Noida. Ph.: 09878345902. E-mail id: ceo@aspire india.com

Question 10. A. of                      B. at                      C. in                      D. with

Question 11. A. various                      B. variety                      C. vary                      D. varies

Question 12. A. an                      B. a                      C. the                      D. no article

#### **NOTICE**

##### **Farewell meeting of retired teacher**

All the students offer school is hereby informed that Mr. Sanjay Sinha, one of the best teachers in our school is going to retire from his service life on 6th August 2020. It is a very sad day for all of us that he will not come to school and teach mathematics. The student's cultural committee has decided to arrange a farewell meeting to make him honor on 6th August 2020 at 4:00 PM in our school assembly Hall. So all the students (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this program to make him honored for what he has done for all of us. We have also arranged a small cultural program in his honor on that day, so the students are also

requested to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the names who are willing to take part in this cultural program in his honor. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ you need more details, please contact the undersigned.

Monali Ray  
Secretary  
Cultural Committee  
Nabanita Girls' High School

**Question 13.** A. have asked                      B. asks                      C. asking                      D. are asked

**Question 14.** A. submit                      B. subscribe                      C. stimulate                      D. propose

**Question 15.** A. should                      B. had                      C. were                      D. do

**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.**

**Question 16.**

- a. On the contrary, schools in the city typically offer lower-quality education and it can be challenging to find extracurricular activities.
- b. Additionally, they are able to play outside without being concerned about their safety as when they are in the city, where they are kept inside and driven towards using smartphones and computers.
- c. As a result, children can learn to protect the environment and live without modern conveniences.
- d. Firstly, the countryside allows children to be in touch with nature, taking care of animals and helping with gardening.**
- e. Some individuals believe that raising children in the country is an ideal option.

**A.** a- b- c- d-e                      **B.** e- d- c- b- a                      **C.** e- d- b- c- a                      **D.** e- d- b- c- a

**Question 17**

- a. Dear John, when we look at the positive aspect of social media, we find numerous advantages.
- b. Firstly, it is a great device for education.
- c. Moreover, live lectures are now possible because of social media, so you can attend a lecture happening in America while sitting in India.
- d. Most importantly, it also provides a great platform for young budding artists to showcase their talent for free.
- e. Best wishes.
- f. Students can educate themselves on various topics using social media.

**A.** a- b- f- c- d-e                      **B.** a- f- b- e- d- c                      **C.** a- f- b- c- d- e                      **D.** a- b- c- d- e- f

**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 18 to 23.**

Some people believe that reading stories from a book is better than watching TV or playing computer games for children. Firstly, reading books can help children improve their academic achievements. Children reading books regularly are likely to have competent literacy skills, (18) \_\_\_\_\_ because schools often require students to comprehend a great deal of knowledge from reading various subjects' content. Hence, being competent in literacy skills can provide children with an added advantage (19) \_\_\_\_\_. Children with an advantage in literacy skills tend to have higher results in school exams, because they not only have wider knowledge but also better reading and writing skills.

More importantly, reading stories as a way of entertainment is instrumental in cultivating children's creativity. In this technological world, when children depend too much on TV and computers in various life aspects, (20)\_\_\_\_\_ is an undeniably wonderful stress reliever to keep children away from electronic devices. Besides, reading books encourages children to use (21) \_\_\_\_\_ to comprehend the plots and characters of these stories, which in turn sharpens their creativity. For illustrations, when immersing into Harry Potter for relaxation, children have to use their creativity to fantasize and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ with the existence of many fictional characters such as witches, dragons, or monsters.

In conclusion, I once again affirm that engaging in stories from books can bring more benefits for children than spending time (23) \_\_\_\_\_, because children can gain both educational benefits and great joy when enjoying book stories.

**Question 18.**

- A. that is important for their study
- C. make it important for their study

- B. which is important for their study
- D. it is important for their study

**Question 19.**

- A. when completing their assignments
- B. to completing their assignments

- B. having completed their assignments
- D. complete their assignments

**Question 20**

- A. engrossed in books
- C. engross in books

- B. to engross in books
- D. engrossing in books

**Question 21.**

- A. their imagination
- B. his imagination

- C. her imagination
- D. its imagination

**Question 22**

- A. understand the magical world
- C. understands the magical world

- B. understanding the magical world
- D. understood the magical world

**Question 23.**

- A. on TV and video games
- C. to TV and video games

- B. TV and video games
- D. at TV and video games

**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 24 to 28**

What kind of music do you enjoy? Some people like going to classical concerts and listening to an orchestra. The musicians wear very formal clothes, and the audience is silent until the end of the (24) \_\_\_\_ Perhaps you are a rock music (25) \_\_\_\_ Rock concerts are often held at football grounds or in parks. Members of the audience dance to the music or sing the songs. (26) \_\_\_\_ music is played at weddings and parties in many countries, and some people make their own music at home. Nowadays we (27) \_\_\_\_ music in shops and lifts, and many people carry their own music with them, or even (28) \_\_\_\_ to music when they study. Music is everywhere!

- |                     |              |               |                |                |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Question 24.</b> | A. happening | B. action     | C. music       | D. performance |
| <b>Question 25.</b> | A. fan       | B. enthusiasm | C. reader      | D. friend      |
| <b>Question 26.</b> | A. Historic  | B. Nation     | C. Traditional | D. Ancient     |
| <b>Question 27.</b> | A. listen    | B. hear       | C. perform     | D. understand  |
| <b>Question 28.</b> | A. hear      | B. have       | C. follow      | D. listen.     |

**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 from 29 to 33.**

Mickey Mouse was not Walt Disney's first successful cartoon creation, but he is certainly his famous one. It was on a cross-country train trip from New York to California in 1927 that Disney first drew the mouse with the big ears. Supposedly, he took his inspiration from the tame field mice that used to scamper into his old studio in Kansas City. No one is quite sure why he dressed the mouse in the now-familiar shorts with two buttons and gave him the yellow shoes. But we do know that Disney had intended to call him Mortimer until his wife Lillian intervened and christened him Mickey Mouse.

Capitalizing on the interest in Charles Lindsborg, Disney planned Mickey's debut in the short cartoon Plane Crazy, with Minnie as a co-star. In the third short cartoon, Steamboat Willie, Mickey was whistling and singing through the miracle of the modern soundtrack. By the 1930s Mickey's image had circled the globe. He was a superstar at the height of his career.



**Question 35.** The word '**isolated**' in paragraph 2 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. connected                      B. confident                      C. frustrated                      D. lonely

**Question 36.** According to paragraph 2, music creates a sense of belonging for teenagers by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. increasing feelings of isolation and frustration  
B. making them feel disconnected from society  
C. providing a connection to musicians and other fans  
D. preventing them from expressing their emotions

**Question 37.** The word '**it**' in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. strategy                      B. music                      C. stress                      D. relief

**Question 38.** According to paragraph 3, what is a significant benefit of using music as a form of therapy?

- A. It increases frustration and stress levels.                      B. It helps teenagers cope with conflicts.  
C. It encourages more isolation from society.                      D. It helps to release stress and sadness.

**Question 39.** The word '**bond**' in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. connection                      B. break                      C. isolation                      D. division

**Question 40.** What is NOT true about one role of music in teenagers' lives?

- A. helping them cope with stress                      B. teaching new skills  
C. providing a sense of identity                      D. isolating them from others



PRACTICE TEST UNIT 4

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

Question 1. A. room                      B. poor                      C. door                      D. floor

Question 2. A. high-rise                      B. modernise                      C. housing                      D. sprawl

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

Question 3. A. afford                      B. control                      C. decrease                      D. housing

Question 4. A. charming                      B. market                      C. detached                      D. terraced

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

Question 5: Are you moving to a new house on Saturday? I \_\_\_\_\_ you if you like.

A. will help                      B. have helped                      C. help                      D. am helping

Question 6: It is important to protect landscapes from the harmful effects of \_\_\_\_\_ pollution.

A. environment                      B. environmentalist                      C. environmentalism                      D. environmental

Question 7: Alice has \_\_\_\_\_ been to Hollywood five times. Her aunt lives there.

A. already                      B. just                      C. yet                      D. ever

Question 8: I like a \_\_\_\_\_ because this type of house is all on the ground floor and doesn't have stairs.

A. terraced house                      B. bungalow                      C. semi-detached house                      D. camper van

Question 9: Ngoc has worked for a couch-surfing service \_\_\_\_\_ over 5 years.

A. since                      B. in                      C. for                      D. at

Read the following leaflet/school announcements 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 10 to 15

**Advertisement**

A beautiful house at **25 Oak Avenue** is now available (10) \_\_\_\_\_ rent. This spacious, fully furnished home features three bedrooms, a large living room, and a modern kitchen. It's perfect for families or professionals looking for comfort and convenience. Located in a quiet (11) \_\_\_\_\_, it's close to schools, parks, and shops.

The monthly rent is **\$1,200**, including utilities. The house also has a private garage and a lovely garden for outdoor activities.

For more details or to schedule (12) \_\_\_\_\_ viewing, contact **Ms. Taylor** at **555-987-6543**.

Question 10. A. of                      B. at                      C. in                      D. for

Question 11. A. neighbor                      B. neighborhood                      C. neighbored                      D. neighborly

Question 12. A. an                      B. a                      C. the                      D. no article

**Notice of House Renovation**

Dear Residents,

We would like to inform you that the house at 12 Elm Street will (13) \_\_\_\_\_ renovation starting from October 15th. The work (14) \_\_\_\_\_ repairs to the roof, painting of the exterior, and upgrades to the kitchen and bathrooms. The renovation is expected to take about 3 weeks, during which there may be some noise and limited access to certain areas. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding during this time.

(15) \_\_\_\_\_ you have any questions, please contact Mr. Smith at 555-123-4567.

Question 13. A. witness                      B. undergo                      C. stimulate                      D. submit

Question 14. A. include                      B. includes                      C. will include                      D. is included

Question 15. A. should                      B. had                      C. were                      D. do

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.

**Question 16.**

- i. Renting an apartment is often more affordable than buying a house, especially in larger cities where property prices are high.
- ii. One of the biggest advantages is that you don't have to worry about repairs or maintenance, as the landlord usually handles those tasks for you.
- iii. Renting also offers flexibility, allowing you to move easily at the end of your lease without the long-term commitment of owning property.
- iv. Many apartment buildings come with added benefits like gyms, swimming pools, or laundry facilities, making life more convenient.
- v. Apartments are often located in central areas, giving you quick access to shops, schools, and public transportation.

**A.** iv- i- iii- v- ii      **B.** iv- i- iii- v- ii      **C.** iv- i- iii- v- ii      **D.** iv- i- iii- v- ii

**Question 17**

- a. I am interested in leasing office space in your building and would like to request further details regarding availability for units that can accommodate around 30 staff members.
- b. Our company is looking for a central location with easy access to public transport, which is essential for our employees and clients
- c. Could you kindly provide information about the monthly rental fee, along with any additional costs such as security deposits or maintenance charges?
- d. Additionally, I would like to know if the office comes fully furnished and whether it includes access to shared amenities like conference rooms or parking facilities.
- e. I would appreciate it if you could send me the floor plans and a brochure of the available offices, as well as the terms and conditions of the lease.

**A.** a- b- c- d- e      **B.** b- a- d- c- e      **C.** b- c- d- e- a      **D.** c- d- a- b- e

**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 18 to 23.**

Urbanisation is the process where **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_, causing the cities to grow. This trend happens because cities offer more job opportunities, better schools, and healthcare services. In many countries, **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_. Cities grow as factories, offices, and shops are built. People move to cities in search of a better life, which leads to the construction of more homes, roads, and infrastructure.

However, rapid urbanisation can cause problems. One major issue is overcrowding. When too many people live in a small area, it can lead to traffic jams, pollution, and a lack of clean water. **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_, making it hard for some people to find a place to live. This can result in the creation of slums, where living conditions are poor.

Another challenge is the strain on public services. **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ for schools, hospitals, and public transport increase. If cities cannot keep up with this demand, it can lead to a decline in the quality of these services.

**(22)** \_\_\_\_\_. It can lead to economic growth, as businesses have access to a larger workforce and more customers. Cities can become centers of culture, with museums, theaters, and restaurants that attract both residents and tourists.

In conclusion, **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_. However, it also offers opportunities for economic development and cultural enrichment. Managing urban growth effectively is crucial to ensure that cities remain livable and sustainable for everyone.

*(Adapted from <https://www.urbanet.info>)*

- Question 18:**
- A.** people move between the countryside to cities
  - B.** people move from the cities to the countryside
  - C.** people move from the countryside to cities

D. people move between the cities to the countryside

**Question 19:** A. urbanisation is a sign of development

B. urbanisation is a colonial growth

C. urbanisation expands unemployment

D. urbanisation gradually decreases

**Question 20:** A. Consequently, housing can rapidly be reliable

B. Additionally, housing can become very expensive

C. Nevertheless, housing creates lots of concerns

D. In contrast, housing make residents reliable

**Question 21:** A. More and greater people and the demands

B. The more people come, the more great the demands

C. More people come, greater the demands

D. The more people come, the greater the demands

**Question 22:** A. Despite these challenges, urbanisation also brings benefits

B. Although these challenges, urbanisation also has advantages

C. Because these challenges, urbanisation also brings drawbacks

D. Because of these challenges, urbanisation also have disadvantages

**Question 23:** A. it is not the first time urbanisation created remarkable threats

B. it is not the first time urbanisation did created significant challenges

C. it is not the first time urbanisation has been created remarkable threats

D. it is not the first time urbanisation has created significant challenges

**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 24 to 28**

### URBANISATION IN RURAL AREAS

Urbanisation in rural areas is when villages and small towns start to grow and become more like cities. This happens (24) \_\_\_\_\_ people move from big cities to the countryside, looking for a quieter life or better job opportunities. As more people move to the countryside, these places start to change. New houses, schools, and shops are built. Roads are improved, and there might be more buses and trains. Moreover, urbanisation in rural areas can bring more jobs. When new businesses open, they need workers. This helps local people find work without moving to the city. Better schools and hospitals can also be built, improving the quality of life for everyone. (25) \_\_\_\_\_, there are also problems. As more people move to rural areas, the (26) \_\_\_\_\_ of living can go up. Houses become more (27) \_\_\_\_\_, and some people might find it hard to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a home. There can also be more traffic and pollution. Natural areas might be destroyed to make way for new buildings.

(Adapted from <https://ourworldindata.org>)

**Question 24:** A. when

B. which

C. whose

D. whom

**Question 25:** A. Therefore

B. Although

C. However

D. Because

**Question 26:** A. concern

B. cost

C. rush

D. leisure

**Question 27:** A. expensively

B. expense

C. expend

D. expensive

**Question 28:** A. seek

B. expand

C. afford

D. decrease

**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 from 29 to 33.**

Can Tho is a city in Vietnam, located in the Mekong Delta region. It has grown a lot over the years. In the past, Can Tho was a small town known for its rivers, floating markets, and simple way of life. People traveled mostly by boat, and fishing and farming were common jobs. The floating markets were busy with sellers in boats, offering fruits, vegetables, and local food. The city was peaceful and close to nature.

Now, Can Tho has changed a lot. It has become a large city with modern buildings, busy streets, and many businesses. Its **residents** now can enjoy life with more schools, hospitals, and shopping centers. The transportation has improved with new roads and bridges, making it easier to travel. The city still has its floating markets, but it also has supermarkets and malls. Tourism has grown, with visitors coming to see the old markets, gardens, and traditional houses.

(Adapted from <https://blue.star-board.com>)

**Question 29:** What is the best title of the passage?

- A. Can Tho city in the past                      B. Can Tho city at present  
C. Can Tho is the small town                      D. Can Tho city now and then

**Question 30:** According to the passage, what was Can Tho famous for in the past?

- A. riverbanks    B. way of life    C. modern buildings    D. floating markets

**Question 31:** The word "**It**" in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Can Tho    B. Vietnam    C. Mekong Delta    D. region

**Question 32:** The word "**residents**" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. people    B. dwellers    C. teenagers    D. parents

**Question 33:** According to the passage, which of these statements is **NOT** true?

- A. People in Can Tho mostly traveled by boats.  
B. Can Tho city now has new roads and bridges.  
C. People demolished floating markets in Can Tho.  
D. Can Tho has become a large city with modern buildings

**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 from 34 to 40.**

In the last third of the nineteenth century a new housing form was quietly being developed. In 1869 the Stuyvesant, considered New York's first apartment house was built on East Eighteenth Street. The building was financed by the developer Rutherford Stuyvesant and designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the first American architect to graduate from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. Each man had lived in Paris, and each understood the economics and social potential of this Parisian housing form. But the Stuyvesant was at best a limited success. In spite of Hunt's **inviting** façade, the living space was awkwardly arranged. Those who could afford them were quite content to remain in the more **sumptuous**, single-family homes, leaving the Stuyvesant to newly married couples and bachelors.

The fundamental problem with the Stuyvesant and the other early apartment buildings that quickly followed, in the 1870's and early 1880's was that they were confined to the typical New York building lot. That lot was a rectangular area 25 feet wide by 100 feet deep—a shape perfectly suited for a row house. The lot could also accommodate a rectangular tenement, though it could not **yield** the square, well-lighted, and logically arranged rooms that great apartment buildings require. But even with the awkward interior configurations of the early apartment buildings, the idea caught on. It met the needs of a large and growing population that wanted something better than tenements but could not afford or did not want row houses.

So, while the city's newly emerging social leadership commissioned their mansions, apartment houses and hotels began to sprout in multiple lots, thus breaking the initial space constraints. In the closing decades of the nineteenth century, large apartment houses began dotting the developed portions of New York City, and by the opening decades of the twentieth century, spacious buildings, such as the Dakota and the Ansonia finally transcended the tight confinement of row house building lots. From there it was only a small step to building luxury apartment houses on the newly created Park Avenue, right next to the fashionable Fifth Avenue shopping area.

**Question 34:** The new housing form discussed in the passage refers to\_\_.

- A. single-family homes                      B. apartment buildings                      C. row houses                      D. hotels

**Question 35:** The word “**inviting**” in bold is opposite in meaning to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. open                                      B. discouraging                                      C. distracting                                      D. asking

**Question 36:** Why was the Stuyvesant a limited success?

- A. The arrangement of the rooms was not convenient.  
B. Most people could not afford to live there.  
C. There were no shopping areas nearby.  
D. It was in a crowded neighbourhood.

**Question 37:** It can be inferred that the majority of people who lived in New York’s first apartments were\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. highly educated                                      B. unemployed                                      C. wealthy                                      D. young

**Question 38:** It can be inferred that a New York apartment building in the 1870’s and 1880’s had all of the following characteristics **EXCEPT**\_\_\_\_\_.

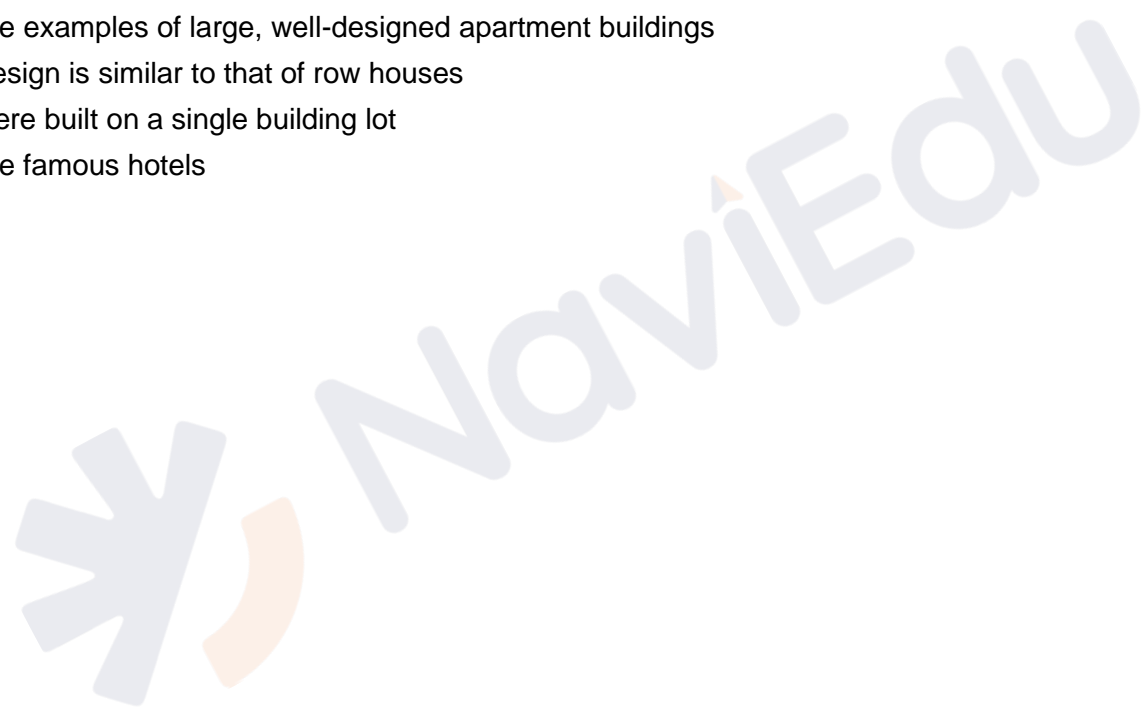
- A. Its room arrangement was not logical.                                      B. It was rectangular.  
C. It was spacious inside.                                      D. It had limited light.

**Question 39:** The word “**yield**” in bold is closest in meaning to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. harvest                                      B. surrender                                      C. amount                                      D. provide

**Question 40:** The author mentions the Dakota and the Ansonia in bold because\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. they are examples of large, well-designed apartment buildings  
B. their design is similar to that of row houses  
C. they were built on a single building lot  
D. they are famous hotels



TRIAL TEST 2

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 1. A. sculpture                      B. furniture                      C. attraction                      D. future  
Question 2. A. comedy                      B. complex                      C. cottage                      D. episode

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 the primary stress in the following question.

- Question 3. A. basement                      B. detached                      C. landscape                      D. portrait  
Question 4. A. fantasy                      B. magazine                      C. storyline                      D. breathtaking

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

- Question 5. We expected him not to come but eventually he \_\_\_\_\_ at eight.  
A. turned around                      B. turned up                      C. turned in                      D. turned out  
Question 6. I can't keep my eyes off Jennie. She is dancing so \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. extremely                      B. gravely                      C. magically                      D. gracefully

- Question 7. - Why don't we make a fire?  
- It's not cold \_\_\_\_\_ to make a fire.  
A. too                      B. enough                      C. too good                      D. much

- Question 8. Bill is a harder worker. He works \_\_\_\_\_ than Joe.  
A. harder                      B. more hard                      C. more hardly                      D. hardier

- Question 9. Tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ my grandparents.  
A. am going to visit                      B. am visiting                      C. have visited                      D. visit

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.

**The Valley Activity Summer Camp.**

While we offer accommodation, many of our students choose the option of living (10) \_\_\_\_\_, with local families. Great exam preparation classes, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ into account your special needs. We also offer the best climbing walls in England and sports facilities include a pool and tennis courts. Excursions over the weekends are included in (13) \_\_\_\_\_ booking fee.

- Question 10: A. in                      B. around                      C. at                      D. out  
Question 11: A. taken                      B. taking                      C. takes                      D. take  
Question 12: A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. Ø

Dear students,  
We are excited to announce that our annual school fair will (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday, February 2nd, 2024. The fair will start at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM.  
There will be a variety of games, food (14) \_\_\_\_\_, and performances for everyone to enjoy. We encourage all students to participate and make this event a success.  
Please note, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ it rain on February 2nd, the fair will be postponed to the following Friday, February 9th, 2024.

- Question 13: A. be celebrated                      B. celebrate                      C. have celebrated                      D. celebrating

**Question 14:** A. riots                      B. supplies                      C. stalls                      D. carts

**Question 15:** A. Should                      B. Were                      C. Had                      D. If

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

**Question 16.**

- a. Each time I rewatch it, I find new layers and details that make the story even more captivating.
- b. One of my favourite films is Inception, directed by Christopher Nolan.
- c. The stunning visuals and Hans Zimmer's powerful score add to the film's immersive atmosphere.
- d. It tells the story of Dom Cobb, a thief who can enter people's dreams to steal their secrets.
- e. I love how it blurs the line between reality and imagination, keeping viewers on the edge of their seats.
- f. The film's complex plot, featuring dreams within dreams, creates a thrilling and mind-bending experience.

**A.** b-d-e-f-c-a                      **B.** b-d-f-e-c-a                      **C.** b-c-f-a-d-e                      **D.** b-a-d-c-f-e

**Question 17.**

- a. Beyond the busy streets, places like Hoan Kiem Lake and the Temple of Literature offered peaceful escapes.
- b. I visited Hà Nội last spring, and the city instantly impressed me with its blend of history and modernity.
- c. Moreover, I enjoyed a bowl of pho from a local vendor, savoring the authentic flavors of the city.
- d. In particular, the Old Quarter stood out with its narrow streets, French colonial architecture, and vibrant street food scene.
- e. Overall, Hà Nội's unique mix of tradition and progress made it an unforgettable destination.

**A.** e-c-b-d-a                      **B.** e-b-d-c-a                      **C.** b-c-d-a-e                      **D.** b-d-c-a-e

**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**

Tourism, the activities of persons traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business, and other purposes, is a major source of income for many countries. (18) \_\_\_\_\_, tourism plays a crucial role in the economy of many regions. With numerous tourist destinations, attractions, and experiences, planning a trip could become overwhelming for individuals. Hence, travel advisors can step in (19) \_\_\_\_\_.

Moreover, understanding tourism also helps individuals appreciate the diversity and richness of different cultures and natural beauty. (20) \_\_\_\_\_ individuals are guided to explore various tourist destinations and the experiences they offer, they can develop strategies to make the most of their trips. Thus, individuals are more likely to (21) \_\_\_\_\_.

In addition, providing information about tourism is the professional service that must be provided by travel agencies. (22) \_\_\_\_\_ individuals often rely on online reviews, leading to a limited understanding of the destination. As a result, the importance of professional travel advice must not be overlooked.

To sum up, with the rapid changes in global travel trends, though planning a trip has become more complex, (23) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 18:** A. Consequently                      B. Primarily                      C. Evidently                      D. Positively

- Question 19:** A. to help individuals plan their trips effectively
- B. to provide unbiased assessments of different tourist destinations
  - C. to encourage individuals to visit the most popular tourist spots
  - D. to use their expertise to guide individuals on their travel journey

**Question 20:** A. Until                      B. In case                      C. Once                      D. If only

- Question 21:** A. face challenges in their travel planning
- B. be assigned tasks irrelevant to their travel plans
  - C. navigate potential challenges in their travel

D. plan trips that meet their needs and interests

- Question 22:** A. Where formal travel advice is not easily accessible  
B. While travel advisors provide insights into travel trends  
C. Though chances of finding a suitable travel advisor are quite small  
D. If travel agencies raise awareness and understanding of tourism

- Question 23:** A. travel advice empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their trips  
B. numerous individuals struggle with travel confusion, finding themselves not reaching their potential  
C. travel advice might be needed to clear the confusion and distractions along the way  
D. travellers may feel comfortable discussing their travel challenges with travel advisors

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

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is one of (24) \_\_\_\_\_ greatest and most influential composers in the history of Western music. He composed over 600 works for all the musical genres of his day including operas, concertos, symphonies, chamber music and sonatas. Mozart was born in Salzburg on 27 January 1756 and was the son of Leopold Mozart (25) \_\_\_\_\_ was a successful composer, violinist and assistant concert master at the Salzburg court. He was a child and composed his first piece of music when he was only five years old. Leopold recognised his son's extraordinary talents and took him on several performing tours throughout Europe. At 17, Mozart worked as a (26) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Salzburg court (27) \_\_\_\_\_ he grew restless and travelled in search of a better position. While visiting Vienna in 1781, he was dismissed from his Salzburg position and chose (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in Vienna where he composed many of his best-known symphonies, concertos and operas during his final years. He died on 5 December 1791, while working on his famous Requiem, at the age of 35.

*Adapted from <https://www.udiscovermusic.com/classical-features/best-mozart-works-10-essential-pieces/>*

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Question 24:</b> A. the        | B. a        | C. any     | D. one     |
| <b>Question 25:</b> A. which      | B. when     | C. who     | D. whose   |
| <b>Question 26:</b> A. musically  | B. musician | C. music   | D. musical |
| <b>Question 27:</b> A. or         | B. because  | C. so      | D. but     |
| <b>Question 28:</b> A. to staying | B. to stay  | C. staying | D. stay    |

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

A young woman without eyebrows is seated in front of a beautiful landscape. Does this sound familiar to you? This is one of the most famous works by Leonardo da Vinci. The Mona Lisa is a beautiful painting. However, it was the mystery behind the painting that intrigued people. Who was the woman and why did da Vinci paint her?

Different theories have been proposed about her identity. Many art and history buffs thought that it was a portrait of da Vinci himself, but as a woman. Others thought it was not any particular person, but the ideal of a woman. They say this is why she was painted with no eyebrows. This gave her face a more **unearthly** look. Still, others thought that it was a portrait of an actual woman of the time, the wife of Francesco del Giocondo.

In 2005, historian Armin Schlechter of Heidelberg discovered the answer. While looking through an old manuscript, he found a small note. In this, the woman in the Mona Lisa was positively identified as Lisa del Giocondo. The artist had been paid to do her portrait after the birth of her second child. "Mona", in fact, means "madam" in Italian. As for her unearthly look? Historians say women of this time liked to remove **their** eyebrows. Apparently, they thought eyebrows were not attractive.

**Question 29.** What is the main idea of this reading?

- A. The identity of a famous woman
- C. The making of a great mystery

- B. How da Vinci created a great painting
- D. Fashion trends long ago

**Question 30.** According to the reading, what aspect of the Mona Lisa intrigued people the most?

- A. The landscape background.
- B. Leonardo da Vinci's use of light and shadow.
- C. The smile of the woman portrayed.
- D. The mysterious facts behind the painting.

**Question 31.** What could the word **unearthly** mean in this reading?

- A. Specific
- B. Frightening
- C. Realistic
- D. Ideal

**Question 32.** According to the reading, which of the following was NOT an idea about the identity of the woman in the Mona Lisa?

- A. Leonardo da Vinci painted himself.
- B. Leonardo da Vinci painted a member of his own family.
- C. She was married to Francesco del Giocondo
- D. She was not a real woman.

**Question 33.** The word **their** refers to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. buffs'
- B. eyebrows'
- C. historians'
- D. women's

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

It is commonly believed that music feeds the soul because it **soothes** your soul and relaxes your mind. Music has always been the best source for expressing your feelings and emotions and telling stories. Among all the popular genres of music, pop music has become the most popular one since it was first introduced. The word 'Pop' itself is derived from '*popular*'. It was named so because it became so popular right after its introduction.

Pop, as a separate genre, consists of simple patterns and rhythms. It is proved that the human brain likes patterns, and the patterns that are easy to remember are more likeable than the difficult ones. Patterns make the music more attractive and engaging, and easy and simple patterns are easy to pick, which is why our brain likes **them** more. Additionally, patterns add to the rhythm of the song and its music. Rhythms make us sing along and dance with the lyrics and beats of the music. Also, pop music usually repeats its patterns, rhythms, and lyrics as well because most of the songs have the same themes and topics. All this makes pop a popular genre among all.

It has been found that pop music is usually louder than the songs of other genres. It is believed that the volume of these songs is kept louder than others on purpose. Pop songs sound louder than others even if played on the same volume. Louder songs get the **attention** of people more easily and quickly as sounds become catchier to the listeners. The louder and catchier a song is, the more attention it gets from the audience. As more and more people listen to a song, its popularity increases. To conclude, the louder you sound, the more you're heard.

*Adapted from <https://musicforproductions.com/what-are-the-reasons-pop-music-is-so-popular/>*

**Question 34:** Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Impact of Pop Music on the Brain
- B. The Origins of Pop Music
- C. The Reasons for the Popularity of Pop Music
- D. The Benefits of Loud Music

**Question 35:** The word "**soothes**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. calms
- B. hurts
- C. excites
- D. harms

**Question 36:** According to paragraph 2, how do rhythms contribute to the listening experience of pop music?

- A. Rhythms make the music more difficult to follow.
- B. Rhythms encourage listeners to sing along and dance.
- C. Rhythms reduce the appeal of pop music.
- D. Rhythms are unrelated to the genre's popularity.

**Question 37:** The word "**them**" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. genres
- B. patterns
- C. rhythms
- D. lyrics

**Question 38:** The word "**attention**" in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. neglect
- B. situation
- C. notice
- D. thinking

**Question 39:** Why are pop songs often kept louder than songs of other genres?

- A. Because they make sounds catchier.
- B. Because they distract people's attention.
- C. Because they make the songs easier to remember.
- D. Because they experiment with different sound levels.

**Question 40:** Which of the following can be inferred about pop music?

- A. Pop music is the oldest genre of music.
- B. Pop music has a complex structure.
- C. Pop music is the only genre that affects emotions and feelings.
- D. Pop music has gained popularity partly due to its simplicity.

**The End**