

18. The children _____ to the movies by their parents last weekend.
 A. take B. took C. are taken D. were taken
19. I wish he _____ back to visit my hometown next year.
 A. came B. comes C. will come D. would come
20. This book is so _____ that I have read it many times.
 A. interest B. interested C. interesting D. interestingly
21. The meeting lasted about five hours, so it was impossible for me to _____ attention to what was going on.
 A. avoid B. turn C. distract D. pay
22. The Khmer and the Hoa are two ethnic _____ living in Soc Trang province.
 A. varieties B. possibilities C. diversities D. minorities
23. Jenny met her teacher at the school gate.
 Jenny: "Good afternoon, Miss. How are you?"
 Teacher: "_____. And you?"
 A. I'm going home B. I'm leaving now
 C. I'm thirty years old D. I'm fine, thank you
24. Nam has helped Lan fix her bike.
 Lan: "Thank you for fixing my bike!"
 Nam: "_____"
 A. You're right. B. Good job!
 C. Well done! D. You're welcome.

Part 2. Give the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the sentences. (0.6 point)

25. _____, Vietnamese people go to pagodas to pray for the best things on the first day of Tet.
 (TRADITION)
26. Artificial Intelligence is one of the next waves of technological _____. (DEVELOP)
27. People prefer using energy-saving light bulbs because they are _____. (ECONOMIC)

C. READING (2.0 points)

Part 1. Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks. (1.0 point)

PIA CAKES

In the 17th century, Chinese immigrants brought Pia cakes to Soc Trang. In the early 19th century, Dang Thuan, a _____ (28) _____ from Vung Thom Commune, Chau Thanh District, was the first man that made and traded Pia cakes.

Soc Trang now has more than 50 Pia bakeries in Chau Thanh District. _____ (29) _____ the process of making a pia cake is similar, each bakery follows its own recipe to create a distinctive taste and flavor. Today's Pia cake differs from the traditional version. With plentiful _____ (30) _____, from mung beans, taros, durians and salted egg yolks to lotus seeds, pineapples and sesame, Pia cakes can satisfy customer tastes and _____ (31) _____ become a specialty of Soc Trang Province.

Currently, many enterprises have started selling their products both in other areas of Vietnam and in foreign countries like the US, Cambodia, and Germany, contributing _____ (32) _____ the economy, culture, and tourism of Soc Trang province.

(Adapted from <https://www.vietnamitourism.org.vn>)

28. A. foreigner B. native C. tourist D. stranger
 29. A. Therefore B. However C. Though D. Because
 30. A. ingredients B. components C. elements D. additives
 31. A. having B. had C. have D. to have
 32. A. in B. on C. at D. to

Part 2. Read the following passage and answer the questions with NO MORE THAN SEVEN WORDS for each. (1.0 point)

J.K. Rowling and the Harry Potter books

J.K. Rowling, a British author, is famous for her seven-book Harry Potter series, which has sold over 500 million copies and inspired a blockbuster film franchise. Joanne Rowling was born on July 31st, 1965, in Yate, England. She chose the pen name J.K., incorporating her grandmother's name, Kathleen.

After graduating from the University of Exeter, Rowling moved to Portugal in 1990 to teach English. She later married Jorge Arantes and had a daughter, Jessica, before their divorce. Rowling then moved to Edinburgh with her daughter. While struggling as a single mother, Rowling began writing the first Harry Potter book. The idea came to her on a train in 1990.

Despite getting several rejections, Rowling finally sold her first book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* for the equivalent of about \$4,000; it hit shelves in June 1997. The second book in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, came out in July 1998. The third book in Rowling's series, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, hit shelves in July 1999. In July 2000, the fourth volume in the series, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* was published and became the fastest-selling book in 24 hours ever. After a postponed release date, the fifth installment, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, hit bookstores in June 2003. The sixth installment, which was released in July 2005, sold 6.9 million copies in the United States in its first 24 hours. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* was the biggest opening in publishing history.

The seventh book in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was released in July 2007, marking the conclusion of the series. Rowling has no plans for more Harry Potter books, but she hasn't entirely ruled out the possibility.

(Adapted from <https://www.biography.com/authors-writers/jk-rowling>)

Questions

33. When was J.K. Rowling born?
34. How many books are there in the Harry Potter series?
35. Was J.K. Rowling paid more than four million dollars for her first book of the Harry Potter series?
36. How long was it from the publication of the first book to that of the last one?
37. What does the writer imply when mentioning "Rowling has no plans for more Harry Potter books"?

D. WRITING (2.6 points)

Part 1. Combine each pair of sentences, using the word given in brackets. (0.6 point)

38. Long forgot to bring his raincoat. Therefore, he got wet. (BECAUSE)

→ _____.

39. Miss Jenny spoke slowly. However, I didn't understand what she was saying. (ALTHOUGH)

→ _____.

40. Don't eat too much sugar. Otherwise, you will get health problems. (IF)

→ _____.

Part 2. Rewrite the sentences in such a way that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first one. (1.0 point)

41. Lisa began painting the picture two hours ago.

→ Lisa has _____.

42. "What kind of music are you listening to now?" said Amy.

→ Amy asked me _____.

43. We grew the plants in the glasshouse with much care and attention.

→ The plants _____.

44. What a pity! I can't help you now.

→ I wish _____.

45. Many foreign visitors love Pho. Pho is a famous Vietnamese dish.

→ Many _____.

Part 3. Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. (0.4 point)

46. off / when / turning / about / electrical / appliances / them / What / not / using / ? /

47. take / She / a / in / next / campaign / month / will / part / . /

Part 4. Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following sentences. (0.6 point)

48. My daughter is trying to learn English because she wants to use them for her future career.

A B C D

49. Many people like living on big cities to get access to cutting-edge technology and a modern lifestyle.

A B C D

50. Amy told to him that she would come to see him as soon as she finished her work.

A B C D

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