

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

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. invest B. connect C. access D. revise
Question 2. A. attained B. fulfilled C. buried D. attended

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 each of the following questions.

- Question 3. A. effect B. moment C. country D. factor
Question 4. A. overlook B. imitate C. beautify D. mechanise

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. The media nowadays is often accused of _____ on people's privacy.
A. infringe B. imprint C. impinge D. indulge
- Question 6. Solving this crisis is not a question of politics, _____?
A. is it B. isn't it C. is this D. isn't this
- Question 7. The newly released film _____ on a real crime which took place in 1999.
A. bases B. based C. had based D. was based
- Question 8. To prevent noises coming from the nearby construction site, my father decided to install a _____ door.
A. brown large rectangular B. rectangular large brown
C. large rectangular brown D. rectangular brown large
- Question 9. The head of the Human Resources Department found himself in the _____ line over recent job cuts.
A. heating B. firing C. brazing D. flaming
- Question 10. The director _____ all weekly reports before he went to lunch.
A. would read B. read C. has read D. had read
- Question 11. The more books you read, _____ you become.
A. the more knowledgeable B. the most knowledgeable
C. as knowledgeable as D. more knowledgeable
- Question 12. The government has _____ tough measures to stamp out corruption in the country.
A. made B. done C. taken D. caused
- Question 13. Her health deteriorated rapidly _____ she smoked 10 times a day.
A. because B. though C. despite D. because of
- Question 14. Bill's mother won't let him watch his favourite program _____.
A. after he had finished the housework B. until he finishes the housework
C. once he finishes the housework D. as soon as he will finish the housework
- Question 15. If _____ everyday, these plants will grow quickly.
A. watering B. water C. to water D. watered
- Question 16. Closer _____ of the documents revealed a number of interesting and important facts.
A. suspicion B. scrutiny C. inception D. peculiarity
- Question 17. James was totally hooked on her _____ performance at the annually held festival.
A. impressed B. impression C. impress D. impressive
- Question 18. Dad was concentrating _____ driving and was not able to enjoy the scenery.
A. in B. on C. with D. from
- Question 19. The local council has decided to _____ a concert to raise money for cancer charities.
A. take up B. run through C. come up D. put on

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

Question 20. The recently published newspaper criticised the **ostentatious** lifestyle of some celebrities who owned mansions or luxurious cars.

- A. simple B. honest C. deceitful D. showy

Question 21. Jacob **rebelled against** his parents' plans for him and left school at the age of 16.

- A. accepted B. refused C. remained D. pursued

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

Question 22. The company was **plugged into turmoil** after the hostile takeover bid was announced.

- A. in chaos B. in operation C. in order D. in action

Question 23. The new style of window dressing took inspiration from the theatre and the decorative arts which involved **flamboyant** design and drew huge crowds.

- A. usual B. outstanding C. new D. considerable

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 24. Dan is talking with Jack, his neighbour.

Dan: " _____ "

Jack: "I just want to stay in my air-conditioned room all day."

- A. How do you use your room? B. Is there anything in your room?
C. It's scorching hot outside, isn't it? D. Me too.

Question 25. Two students, Anna and Linda, are talking about cyberbullying.

Anna: "I believe that children should be provided guidance on how to deal with cyberbullying."

Linda: " _____. This can help them have more enjoyable experiences on the Internet."

- A. No doubt. B. Sorry, but you're right.
C. I don't think you're correct. D. Actually, I quite agree anymore.

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

The role of grandparents in children's upbringing

The word 'grandparents' is descriptive of the unique dual parenting role that this generation assumes. It emphasises the vital part they play in family life. With a (26) _____ of old world experience behind them, and with the unique ability to metamorphose from advisers or mediators into listeners or friends, they can offer support and stability in an ever-changing world. The underlying sense of responsibility (27) _____ goes with this is tremendous.

Grandparents perform a balancing act between the needs of their adult children and those of their grandchildren. This role is varied. It is imperial at times, muted at (28) _____. It goes underground whenever required, but it is solid and absolutely dependable. Grandparents often (29) _____ the gap between parents and children. Rebellious, independent children who are trying to find their feet are almost always at loggerheads with their parents. The role of grandparents can be very important provided that they act as impartial judges and are able to convey this feeling to both parties. One important thing, which seems to be missing in the lives of children today, is a sense of family, values, beliefs and principles. This is where the grandparents step in. (30) _____, instilling beliefs and values is not as easy as it was fifty or sixty years ago.

(Adapted from Cambridge Vocabulary for Advanced by Simon Haines)

- Question 26. A. health B. significance C. wealth D. value
Question 27. A. who B. that C. it D. where
Question 28. A. few B. none C. others D. much
Question 29. A. leave B. widen C. bridge D. achieve
Question 30. A. Therefore B. Additionally C. However D. For example

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 31 to 35.

We're all faced with difficult problems on a regular basis. In fact, sometimes you might feel like you'll be crushed by the weight of your problems. But how many of us use special creative problem-solving techniques to tackle these problems? "I didn't know there were special techniques," you say. Believe it or not, many experts have given a lot of thought to the problem of problem solving.

The obvious first step to solving a problem is to **churn out** possible solutions, right? Well, some experts say that the first thing you should do is define the problem in detail, even if it seems obvious. Write the problem down on a piece of paper and start asking yourself questions about it: Why is this a problem for me? What is the source of the problem? What will happen if I don't solve the problem? What do I really want to accomplish? Keep asking questions until the well has run dry.

Once you've asked these questions and answered them, potential solutions may start popping up like popcorn. Or **they** may not. If you're still stuck, some experts recommend going for a walk. That's right—you should literally walk away from the problem. A change of scenery can inspire new ideas, and not focusing on the problem can actually open your mind to new possibilities.

If you still come up empty-handed at this point, you might try an unusual technique that some experts recommend. Open a dictionary, or any book or magazine, and pick out the first word you see. Write down anything that word makes you think of. Then look at your problem again. Something that you've written down may change your perspective and help you see the problem in a different light.

(Adapted from Select Readings by Linda Lee and Jean Bernard)

Question 31. Which could be the best title for the passage?

- A. The problem of problem solving.
- B. For every solution there's a problem.
- C. View problems in a different light.
- D. Walk and talk to fix it.

Question 32. The phrase "**churn out**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. remind
- B. recover
- C. produce
- D. address

Question 33. According to paragraph 2, what is said about the nature of problem-solving?

- A. It's a good idea to understand a few details of your problem.
- B. Clarifying the problem is an obvious step and therefore unessential.
- C. Asking other questions about the particular problem can be a helpful mechanism.
- D. You should always write down your problem on a piece of paper.

Question 34. The word "**they**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. problems
- B. solutions
- C. experts
- D. possibilities

Question 35. Which of the following is NOT true in the passage?

- A. Taking a stroll can help you come up with new ways to deal with a problem.
- B. Almost everyone thinks of problem-solving techniques when faced with a problem.
- C. People sometimes can't come up with solutions to a problem though they try to analyse it.
- D. As suggested, people sometimes have to try novel ways to tackle a problem.

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 36 to 42

A row of mangrove trees sticking out of the sand, exposed by low tide off Kutubdia island in the Bay of Bengal, is all that remains of a coastal village that for generations was home to 250 families. The villagers were forced to flee as their land, which had been slowly eroding for decades, was finally engulfed by the ever-rising tide five years ago. For the **embattled** people, the distant trees serve as a bittersweet reminder of what they have lost. They also act as a warning of what is to come.

UN scientists predict some of the worst impacts of climate change will occur in south-east Asia, and that more than 25 million people in Bangladesh will be at risk from sea level rise by 2050. It is well known that many of the countries most vulnerable to climate change are among those who contribute to it the least, and here that's certainly true. The carbon footprint of Kutubdia's 100,000 islanders is small - most do not even have access to a regular electricity supply. But **they** fear that for them, time is already running out.

So far, members of the fishing community of Ali Akbar Dail, perched **precariously** on a strip of coast next to the embankment, have learnt to adapt to the many natural disasters thrown at them. When the cyclones hit, they hoist their children on to their shoulders and head for the network of cyclone shelters. These shelters, along with the country's early warning system, have dramatically reduced fatalities.

However, after a year that they say has brought more - and more powerful - storms than before, the fishermen are engaged in a battle for survival against their only asset: the ocean.

Scientists say the sinking of islands in the Bay in Bengal is due to natural and possibly man-made climate change. Erosion linked to storm surges, for instance, predate global warming. But sea surface temperatures, linked to sea level rise, have risen in the Bay of Bengal. In a report published last month, scientists said they believed the higher surface temperatures in the Indian Ocean were causing cyclones to increase their frequency and intensity.

There are too many challenges. People are losing their ancestral land, and they are having to migrate to other places. There, they have to adapt to a new environment. But in their new home, they are still anxious and uncertain about the future.

(Adapted from On Screen by Jenny Dooley and Virginia Evans)

Question 36. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Climate change challenges faced in Asia.
- B. The disappearing fishing villages of Bangladesh.
- C. How to adapt to natural disasters?
- D. An unpredictable future awaits.

Question 37. The word “**embattled**” in paragraph 1 mostly means _____.

- A. confused by what happened
- B. surrounded by troubles
- C. pessimistic about the future
- D. angry at the danger

Question 38. According to paragraph 2, what is stated regarding the impact of climate change?

- A. The rise in sea-levels will see the death of 25 million Bangladeshi citizens by 2050.
- B. Climate change can turn the small island of Kutubdia into a poor village.
- C. The nations who are least responsible for climate change can suffer the most.
- D. The worst effects of climate change will only occur in south-east Asia.

Question 39. The word “**they**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the villagers of Kutubdia
- B. the UN Scientists
- C. Bangladeshi citizens
- D. the nearby fishing communities

Question 40. The word “**precariously**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. steadily
- B. dangerously
- C. peacefully
- D. adversely

Question 41. Which of the following is true, according to the passage?

- A. The tide in the Bangladesh ocean has risen more in the last 5 years than ever before.
- B. The trees which remain in the village of Kutubdia are frowned upon by the remaining citizens.
- C. Members of a fishing village have struggled to cope with the influx of natural disasters.
- D. Scientists believe that natural disasters are being intensified by human intervention.

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

- A. The impact of climate change could be disastrous for the economy of Bangladesh.
- B. Members of a community have received disaster management and adaptation support.
- C. The climate of Bangladesh can be characterized by periods of heavy rainfall.
- D. Some people in Bangladesh refuse to migrate to other regions because of the respect for their ancestral land.

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

Question 43. The results of an exhausting study into masculinity were published this week and they make for illuminating reading.

- A. exhausting
- B. masculinity
- C. published
- D. illuminating

Question 44. The scientists compared the genetic structure of polar bears with those of their closest relatives, the brown bears.

- A. compared
- B. genetic
- C. those
- D. their

Question 45. In 2014, the study conducted by Shi Ping Liu and colleagues helps to shed light on this mystery.

- A. conducted
- B. helps
- C. shed
- D. on

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

Question 46. I haven't heard from Susan for several months.

- A. I last heard from Susan several months ago.
- B. Susan didn't hear from me several months ago.
- C. Susan heard from me several months ago.
- D. I didn't hear from Susan several months ago.

Question 47. It was careless of you to leave the windows open last night.

- A. You shouldn't leave the windows open last night.
- B. You are so careless that you left the windows open last night.
- C. You shouldn't have left the windows open last night.
- D. You might have been careless because you left the windows open last night.

Question 48. "If I were you, I wouldn't take his brother's advice," said Linda to me.

- A. Linda asked me not to take his brother's advice.
- B. Linda advised me not to take his brother's advice.
- C. Linda suggested that I take his brother's advice.
- D. Linda encouraged me to take his brother's advice.

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

Question 49. Plagiarism is bad. Some students are still willing to do so.

- A. Were plagiarism not bad, some students wouldn't be willing to do so.
- B. Bad as plagiarism is, some students are still willing to do so.
- C. So bad is plagiarism that some students are still willing to do so.
- D. However bad plagiarism is, but some students are still willing to do so.

Question 50. Unfortunately, the leading actor is ill. He can't appear on stage tonight.

- A. I wish the leading actor wasn't ill and can appear on stage tonight.
- B. I wish the leading actor weren't ill and could appear on stage tonight.
- C. If only the leading actor weren't ill and could appear on stage that night.
- D. If only the leading actor were ill and could appear on stage tonight.

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