

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

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

Question 1: I could **barely** participate in my online course \_\_\_\_\_. = **HARDLY**

- A. because the internet connection **which** was quite bad
- B. although the internet connection was terrible
- C. so that the internet connection was excellent
- D. due to the horrendous internet connection**

Question 2: Today is Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. needn't Edward attend school
- B. which means Edward doesn't have to attend school**
- C. so Edward mustn't attend school
- D. and Edward should have gone to school

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 3 to 7.

1. The saola (pronounced sow-la and also known as the Asian unicorn or the Vu Quang bovid) was discovered as **skeletal remains** in May of 1992 by surveyors from the Ministry of Forestry of Vietnam and the World Wildlife Fund who were mapping the Vu Quang Nature Reserve of north-central Vietnam. At the time of its discovery, the saola was the first large mammal new to science since the 1940s.
2. The saola is only known from the slopes of the Annamite Mountains, a restricted mountainous jungle on the northwest-southeast border between Vietnam and Laos. The region is a subtropical/tropical moist environment which is characterized by evergreen or mixed evergreen and deciduous woodlands, and the species seems to prefer edge zones of the forests. Saola are presumed to reside in mountain forests during the wet seasons and move down to the lowlands in winter. However, these areas are now densely populated, degraded, and fragmented. Low population numbers make distribution particularly patchy. The saola has rarely been seen alive since its discovery and is already considered critically endangered.
3. Local villagers have reported that the saola browses on leafy plants, fig leaves, and stems along rivers and animal trails; the calf captured in 1994 ate Homalomena aromatica, an herb with heart-shaped leaves.
4. The bovine appears to be mainly **solitary**, although it has been seen in groups of two to three and rarely in groups of six or seven. It is possible that they are territorial, marking their territory from their pre-maxillary gland; alternatively, they may have a relatively large home range that allows them to move between areas in response to seasonal changes. Most of the saola killed by the locals have been found in the winter when they are in lowland habitats near to the villages.
5. In Laos, births are said to occur at the beginning of the rains, between April and June. Gestation is estimated to last about eight months, the births may be single, and lifespan is estimated at 5–10 years.

Question 3: What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- A. The saola's role in the ecosystem
- B. The saola's diets
- C. The saola's habitat**
- D. The saola's endangerment

Question 4: What can be inferred about the saola's diet?

- A. Their diets are unknown.
- B. They are herbivores, eating mainly plants.**
- C. They are carnivores, eating mainly animals.
- D. They are omnivores, eating both plants and animals.

**Question 5:** What is the meaning of the word “solitary” in paragraph 4?

- A. Alone**
- B. Strong
- C. Extrovert
- D. Sociable

**Question 6:** How long does the baby saola stay in the mother’s body before being born?

- A. 5-10 years.
- B. Between April and June.**
- C. About eight months.**
- D. During rainy season.

**Question 7:** All of the following statements are TRUE according to the passage except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Except for the saola, the latest large mammal was discovered in the 1940s.
- B. The first saola was discovered alive in May 1992.**
- C. In 1994, a baby saola was captured while eating an herb with heart-shaped leaves.
- D. The saola seems to prefer moist environment.

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 8:** Since there is plenty of time till the deadline of the composition, you mustn’t finish it now.

- A
- B
- C
- NEEDN’T**

**Question 9:** Every so often I indulge myself in some non-fiction to live in a fantasy world that is full of

- A
- FICTION**
- C
- D

wonders.

**Question 10:** Toxic pollutants have found in the ground water, causing concerns about possible health

- HAVE BEEN**
- B
- C

risks.

D

**Question 11:** Wednesday was staying in the library the whole day yesterday, so she mustn’t have been

- A
- CAN’T**

the one you saw at the cinema.

- C
- D

**Question 12:** In the SEA Games women’s level, the Vietnamese Women’s Football team has defeated 7

- A
- B
- WON**

gold medals so far.

D

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 13:** They will set up more wildlife reserves to help save rare species.

- A. More wildlife reserves are likely to build to help save rare species.
- B. They probably have more wildlife reserves build to help save rare species.
- C. They should have more wildlife reserves build to help save rare species.
- D. More wildlife reserves will be established to help save rare species.**

**Question 14:** It is illegal to drive when you are drunk.

- A. You mustn’t drive after drinking.**
- B. You needn’t drive and drink.
- C. You can’t have driven while drinking.
- D. You don’t have to drive after drinking.

**Question 15:** There is a **small chance** that he suffered from injury in yesterday's match.

- A. He must have injured in yesterday's match.
- B. He might have been injured in yesterday's match.**
- C. He is likely to injure in yesterday's match.
- D. He should have been injured in yesterday's match.

**Question 16:** **Difficult as** the mid-term test is, we will be able to get good marks.

- A. We can hardly get good marks because the mid-term test is very difficult.
- B. The mid-term test is not difficult enough to prevent us from getting marks.
- C. We will manage to get good marks although the mid-term test is very difficult.**
- D. The difficult mid-term test prevents us from getting good marks.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.**

**Question 17:** A. defeat                      **B. individual**                      C. wilddlife                      D. drainage

**Question 18:** A. dangeruous                      B. vulneruable                      C. conseruvation                      **D. commercial**

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

**Question 19:** A. quarter                      **B. award**                      C. index                      D. goalie

**Question 20:** A. horizon                      B. equipment                      **C. recormend**                      D. opponent

**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 21:** - **ALBERT:** \_\_\_\_\_ - **MIKA:** That's absolutely true! Animals should be free to live in the wild.

- A. What is your thought about zoos?
- B. As far as I'm concerned, zoos should be banned.**
- C. Do you think zoos are necessary?
- D. You probably won't agree, but zoos are good places for endangered species.

**Question 22:** - **SARA:** I'm planning to go scuba diving this summer. What should I prepare?

- **ROBIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The sport does not require any specific equipment.
- B. You definitely need to prepare.
- C. Swimming apparel and an air tank, I guess.**
- D. Sounds fun! Let me join you.

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

**Question 23:** You had better **crack the books** if you want to have any chance of entering a top university this year.

- A. study seriously**                      B. take it easy                      C. have a day off                      D. pass exam

**Question 24:** Our national team **hit a home run** when we were qualified for the World Cup **finals**. Everyone was more than happy about that.

- A. became the champion                      B. made an apology
- C. was defeated                      **D. achieved success**

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

**Question 25:** The instructions \_\_\_\_\_; otherwise, the device may not work properly.

- A. need to be following                      B. needn't following  
C. can follow                                  D. **must be followed**

**Question 26:** The number of traffic accidents occurred nationwide increased \_\_\_\_\_ over the nine-day Tet holiday.

- A. fascinatingly                      B. advisedly                      C. **noticeably = CONSIDERABLY**  
D. distinctly

**Question 27:** Several rare species are dying out \_\_\_\_\_ human beings' deforestation and overhunting.

- A. **because of**                                  B. despite  
C. although                                  D. due to the fact **that + SVO**

**Question 28:** English teachers are encouraged to organize communicative activities to help \_\_\_\_\_ students' language acquisition.

- A. host                                  B. propose                                  C. interfere                                  D. **improve**

**Question 29:** There is **no excuse** for your late submission! You \_\_\_\_\_ your group project by last Monday.

- A. needn't have finished                      B. ~~must have finished~~  
C. **should have finished**                      D. mightn't have finished

**Question 30:** Vietnam has mobilized more than 1,000 performers who have made a \_\_\_\_\_ impression with their own cultural identity and traditions at SEA Games 31.

- A. strongly                                  B. strength                                  C. strengthen                                  D. **strong**

**Question 31:** Many rare animals and their habitats **are threatened** \_\_\_\_\_ human's interference.

- A. because                                  B. **with**                                  C. on                                  D. by

**Question 32:** The planet has gone through dramatic and \_\_\_\_\_ environmental changes due to industrialization and urbanization.

- A. harmless                                  B. **detrimental = DESTRUCTIVE, HARMFUL**                                  C. unpolluted  
D. friendly

**Question 33:** As its name suggests, \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be action-packed and fast-paced with moments full of tension, anxiety, and fear.

- A. comedies                                  B. fictions                                  C. **thrillers**                                  D. romances

**Question 34:** My seat \_\_\_\_\_ by a stranger while I **was going** to the water closet.

- A. took                                  B. was taking                                  C. has been taken                                  D. **was taken**

**Question 35:** When humans \_\_\_\_\_ **intervene** in the ecosystem by clearing lands or hunting wildlife, the balance of nature is disturbed, often beyond repair.

- A. careful                                  B. carefully                                  C. **carelessly**                                  D. careless

**Question 36:** My hands are full now. Would you mind taking \_\_\_\_\_ children to \_\_\_\_\_ school for me?

- A. Ø/ Ø                                  B. the/ the                                  C. **the/ Ø**                                  D. a/ the

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 37:** Due to the **lovely** spring weather, the daffodils I planted in the garden are **flourishing** quickly.

- A. draining                                  B. **dying**                                  C. growing                                  D. cultivating

**Question 38:** The main task of a defender in a sport game is to **fend off** the opponents scoring.

- A. prevent                                  B. threaten                                  C. **allow**                                  D. stop

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the

**correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 39 to 43.**

In 1823, during a game of soccer at Rugby School in England, 16-year-old William Webb Ellis picked (39)\_\_\_\_\_ the ball and ran with it towards his opponents' goal line. The advantages of playing the game in (40)\_\_\_\_\_ natural fashion were obvious to Ellis' fellow players who followed his example. And so the game of rugby was born. The earliest form of football with much similarity to rugby as we know it today, originated at Rugby School around Ellis' time.

The type of football played at Rugby School in Ellis' time was not soccer, but a game with a (41)\_\_\_\_\_ of both soccer and rugby rules. Handling the ball was prohibited unless the ball was airborne, when the player was permitted to catch it. After catching the ball, he would stand still, as did all the other players, and had the option of kicking it wherever he chose, or placing it on the ground and kicking for goal.

In those days at English Public Schools the pupils often developed their own rules for the games of football they played. (42)\_\_\_\_\_, by the 1840s, running with the ball had become the norm, but different rules were being used by different clubs. Ultimately, a meeting was held in January 1871 with 22 clubs to lay down the (43)\_\_\_\_\_ accepted rules for the sport. It was also at this meeting that the Rugby Football Union was founded.

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| <b>Question 39:</b> | A. at          | B. with              | C. down               | <b>D. up</b>          |
| <b>Question 40:</b> | <b>A. this</b> | B. no article        | C. a                  | <b>D. an</b>          |
| <b>Question 41:</b> | A. combine     | B. type              | C. difference         | <b>D. mixture</b>     |
| <b>Question 42:</b> | A. In summary  | B. On the other hand | <b>C. As a result</b> | <b>D. In addition</b> |
| <b>Question 43:</b> | A. similarly   | B. likely            | C. locally            | <b>D. generally</b>   |

**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 44 to 50.**

The old adage 'practice makes perfect' has taken on special significance in recent times. Its message is simple: if you do something over and over again, then your performance will improve. Although often applied to music and sports - both of which are areas in which the necessity to practice is **self-evident** - the value of practice in other areas of life should not be underestimated. In fact, studies seem to indicate that practice (or experience) plays a greater role in success than natural talent, if such a thing exists.

Studies have demonstrated that high achievers are in fact no more gifted or intelligent than their contemporaries; rather, the difference lies in the amount of practice **they** put in. In the 1980s, Benjamin Bloom, a professor of education at the University of Chicago, conducted an investigation into the factors that had led to people excelling in different fields. He concluded that there was nothing in the early childhoods of these high achievers that could have predicted their later success. The subjects of his research did, however, have certain features in common, namely, that they all had dedicated teachers and supportive families, and they had all put in intensive practice.

K. Anders Ericsson, a professor of Psychology at Florida State University, who has carried out research spanning more than two decades into giftedness, expertise, and the benefits of practice, concludes that experts are **invariably** made, and not born. However, Ericsson's research has also indicated that what counts is not just the amount of practice a person puts in, but rather, the way in which they practice. If a person believes that it takes real talent to excel in a certain area, then they are likely to doubt their own ability to improve sufficiently to compete with others, and as a result may give up trying. Conversely, the person who can learn from their mistakes, and believes that they have the capacity to improve, is more likely to succeed.

In other words, experience really does count. Or as another old adage puts it, 'nothing succeeds like success'. The key to success is motivation and an understanding that practice really does make perfect.

*(Adapted from Global by Robert Campbell and Julie Moore)*

**Question 44:** Which best serves as the title for the passage?

**A. Repetition builds perfection!**

**B. Intelligence creates success.**

**C. Aiming for high hopes.**

**D. Good school report costs money.**

**Question 45:** The word **self-evident** in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. self-trained**

**B. self-reliant**

**C. self-explanatory**

**D. self-confident**

**Question 46:** According to paragraph 1, research seems to show that \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. success is directly linked to experience**

**B. practice is of vital importance**

**C. music and sports are needed for you**

**D. an old piece of advice may be overstated**

**Question 47:** The word **“they”** in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. high achievers**

**B. contemporaries**

**C. demonstrators**

**D. practitioners**

**Question 48:** The word **“invariably”** in paragraph 3 mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. irregularly**

**B. variously**

**C. certainly**

**D. doubtfully**

**Question 49:** Which of the following statements is TRUE, according to the passage?

**A. Those who fail many times before achieving success are certain to excel in their fields.**

**B. You can really achieve expertise in a certain area if you do your work regularly.**

**C. Participants in Bloom’s research were all born in rich families and taught by good teachers.**

**D. Bloom’s research wanted to get an insight into why natural ability was important.**

**Question 50:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

**A. Success can be solely achieved by the amount of effort you put in a task.**

**B. The success of Ericsson’s research could be attributed to its length of time.**

**C. Humans are typically skeptical about their chances of realizing their dream.**

**D. Having the right mindset can really help you to accomplish your goal.**

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