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PART 1 – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Question 1: He got good marks in the recent exam. He _____ really hard for it.

- A.** needn't work **B.** must have worked
C. should have worked **D.** might work

Question 2: In order to stay productive and avoid burnout, it's important to take regular breaks throughout the day to _____ your mental and physical energy.

- A.** diminish **B.** exhaust **C.** substitute **D.** recharge

Question 3: 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.

- After the prayers, people enjoy a grand feast with sweets and traditional dishes, followed by exchanging gifts with loved ones.
- As the night progresses, the sky is filled with fireworks, marking the joyful conclusion of the festival.
- Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals in India.
- Initially, families clean and decorate their homes with lights and colorful rangoli designs.
- Then, they gather to worship the goddess Lakshmi, praying for prosperity and happiness in the coming year.

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

Question 4: _____, you should aim to complete all tasks by the end of the day to avoid carrying over work to the next.

- A. Inconveniently** **B. Ideally** **C. Accidentally** **D. Frequently**

Question 5: The manager was impressed _____ how the team handled the challenging project under tight deadlines.

- A.** by **B.** with **C.** of **D.** at

Question 6: Many people struggle to find _____ housing in expensive urban areas, making it difficult for young families to settle down.

- A.** overpriced **B.** extravagant **C.** temporary **D.** affordable

Question 7: The boy over there Edward. He's working in the lab right now.

- A. must be** **B. needn't be** **C. can't be** **D. mustn't be**

Question 8: *Elphaba and Glinda are talking about traditional customs.*

- **ELPHABA:** "I think it's important to follow traditional customs, especially during family gatherings."

- **GLINDA:** "_____. It helps preserve our culture and bring everyone closer."

- A.** I couldn't disagree more
B. I don't think that's true
C. I completely agree
D. I'm not sure about that

Question 9: She _____ her new job as soon as she finishes her studies next month.

- A.** will start **B.** starts **C.** will have started **D.** is starting

Question 10: 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.

- a)** Following this, prioritizing your tasks can make the workload feel more manageable and reduce stress.

- b) Furthermore, engaging in physical activity, like going for a walk or exercising, is a great way to release tension and improve your mood.
- c) To begin with, taking regular breaks during the workday helps you clear your mind and stay focused.
- d) Ultimately, setting boundaries between work and personal time ensures you have space to recharge and prevent burnout.
- e) Work pressure can often become overwhelming, but there are effective ways to manage it.

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

Question 11: John decided to save money during his trip across Europe by _____, staying with different people in their homes instead of booking hotels.

A. solo traveling B. backpacking C. luxury traveling D. couch-surfing

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct words that fit the gaps from 12 to 16.

In Indian culture, gestures play a significant role in communication, and certain hand movements or body language can have meanings that are vastly different from what people (12) _____ expect in other cultures. One of the most commonly misunderstood gestures is the "head wobble." In India, a head wobble, often seen as a slight tilt or shake of the head from side to side, is used to indicate a variety of responses, including agreement, understanding, or acknowledgment. To an outsider, it may appear as if the person is confused or saying "no," but in reality, the wobble is often a (13) _____ affirmation, signaling that the person is listening, agreeing, or simply acknowledging what has been said.

This gesture can be confusing for people unfamiliar with Indian culture, especially for (14) _____ from Western backgrounds where head nodding is the typical sign of agreement. The Indian head wobble is much subtler, sometimes difficult to detect, and may vary in intensity, leading to potential misinterpretations. What seems like uncertainty or reluctance to an outsider is often just a culturally specific way of engaging in conversation.

Another common gesture that can be misleading is the "namaste" gesture, where the palms are pressed together (15) _____ the chest. While this gesture is widely recognized as a greeting, its deeper meaning involves respect and reverence, often accompanied by a bow or slight nod. For those unfamiliar with its cultural significance, it may simply appear as a polite formality, rather than an expression of genuine respect or spiritual acknowledgment.

In conclusion, gestures in Indian culture, like the head wobble and the namaste, are rich with (16) _____ but can be easily misunderstood without an understanding of the cultural context behind them.

Question 12: A. may B. need C. ought to D. must

Question 13: A. positive B. negative C. confusing D. extreme

Question 14: A. others B. those C. these D. them

Question 15: A. next to B. in front of C. beside D. behind

Question 16: A. meaning B. opinion C. speech D. word

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 17 to 21.

New Year in Japan is a time for both celebration and tradition, making it a fascinating destination for travelers. During the first few days of the year, the country is filled with rituals that connect modern-day Japan with its ancient heritage. As the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, many people gather at temples and shrines to celebrate the arrival of the New Year. One of the most significant traditions is "hatsumode," the first shrine visit of the year, where people pray for good fortune and health. The atmosphere at these shrines is peaceful, with thousands of visitors making their way through the gates to offer their prayers.

In addition to this, many cities in Japan, including Tokyo and Kyoto, host grand fireworks displays and New Year festivals. **These** are a perfect mix of cultural performances, food stalls, and vibrant parades. For

travelers, it's a great opportunity to experience the festive spirit while also learning about the traditions that have been preserved for centuries. Food also plays an important role in Japanese New Year celebrations. Traditional dishes, such as "osechi" (a box of delicacies) and "ozoni" (a soup with rice cakes), are enjoyed by families on New Year's Day.

Moreover, the winter season in Japan offers another reason to visit. Ski resorts in areas like Hokkaido or the Japanese Alps attract visitors from all over the world. The snow-capped mountains create the perfect backdrop for outdoor adventures. Japan's New Year celebrations reflect a delicate balance between honoring the past and embracing the future, and it provides travelers with an unforgettable experience.

Question 17: What would be an appropriate title for the passage?

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| A. Japanese New Year Traditions | B. Traditional Japanese Food |
| C. A Winter Wonderland in Japan | D. The Ski Resorts of Japan |

Question 18: What is one of the traditions people observe during New Year in Japan?

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| A. Visiting shrines for "hatsumode" | B. Wearing costumes |
| C. Watching fireworks in their homes | D. Eating sushi |

Question 19: The word "these" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

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| A. traditional dishes | B. fireworks displays |
| C. ski resorts | D. festivals |

Question 20: What does the word "hatsumode" mean in the context of the passage?

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| A. A festival in Kyoto | B. The first shrine visit of the year |
| C. A traditional dance | D. A type of Japanese food |

Question 21: Based on the passage, how does Japan celebrate the New Year?

- A. With fireworks and music concerts
- B. By traveling to other countries
- C. By having outdoor barbecues and picnics
- D. By honoring traditions and offering prayers for good fortune

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct words that fit the gaps from 22 to 26.

Christmas: A Time of Celebration

Christmas is celebrated on December 25th, and for many people, it is a special time to (22) _____ with family and friends. It marks the birth of Jesus Christ for Christians, but it has also become a holiday enjoyed by people from all cultures. The excitement begins with the (23) _____ of homes and streets. Christmas trees are adorned with lights, ornaments, and gifts, and public places are decorated with colorful lights.

One of the most popular traditions is gift-giving. People exchange presents to show love and appreciation for (24) _____. Many families also take part in charitable acts, such as donating to those (25) _____ need. Christmas meals are another highlight, where families gather to enjoy special dishes like roast meats, potatoes, and desserts such as gingerbread or Christmas pudding.

(26) _____ Christmas has religious roots; it is now a widely celebrated holiday that brings people together. Whether through family gatherings, festive meals, or acts of kindness, Christmas is a time to reflect on the joys of the past year and to celebrate the spirit of giving.

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| Question 22: A. spend | B. pay | C. contact | D. organize |
| Question 23: A. celebration | B. repair | C. repaint | D. decoration |
| Question 24: A. the others | B. one another | C. each other | D. others |
| Question 25: A. at | B. for | C. in | D. with |
| Question 26: A. Because | B. Although | C. However | D. Therefore |

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 27: During the meeting, he was asked to sit tight and wait for further instructions.

A. bite his fingernails

B. fold his arms

C. yawn

D. fidget

Question 28: The small family-owned bakery is truly a labor of love, with no interest in expanding or mass-producing their goods.

A. work of passion

B. commercialized enterprise

C. for-profit organization

D. personal pursuit

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 29: Maria has been dragging her feet about accepting the job offer, and it's starting to frustrate her manager.

A. confused

B. indecisive

C. aggressive

D. embarrassed

Question 30: She walked into the room, wearing a scowl after hearing the bad news.

A. slurping

B. winking

C. frowning

D. grinning

PART 2 – WRITING

WORD FORM

Use the word given to FORM A WORD that fits in the gap of each sentence:

Question 31: Many tourist markets are _____ designed to offer a variety of souvenirs and local products. (**FUNCTION**)

Question 32: Some travelers find traditional crafts _____, but to locals, they are priceless. (**VALUE**)

Question 33: Tourists often _____ the stories of ancient customs that are still in practice in remote villages until they witness them firsthand. (**BELIEF**)

Question 34: The _____ of small villages often share their customs, offering visitors a glimpse into their way of life. (**INHABIT**)

Question 35: A tourist's experience is often enhanced by local festivals, depending on the _____ of visiting in the right season. (**PROBABLE**)

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION:

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. You must use between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given.

Question 36: Many travelers will plan their trips months in advance, especially when the holiday season approaches. (**NEAR**)

→ As the _____, many travelers will plan their trips months in advance.

Question 37: It would have been better if she had booked her tickets earlier to avoid the holiday rush. (**TO**)

→ She _____ her tickets earlier to avoid the holiday rush.

Question 38: There's no reason to bring any gifts to the party since everything is already provided. (**NOT**)

→ You _____ to the party because everything is already provided.

Question 39: She couldn't contain her excitement when she received the good news. (**NINE**)

→ She _____ when she heard the good news and couldn't hold back her joy.

Question 40: She was surprised by the sudden announcement. (**EYEBROWS**)

→ The sudden announcement made _____ in surprise.