

Họ, tên thí sinh:

Mã đề thi 408

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. chicken B. children C. chairman D. chorus

Question 2: A. cold B. sport C. post D. home

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 stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. connect B. follow C. arrive D. require

Question 4: A. exciting B. confident C. terrific D. important

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

Question 5: Hong and Mike are in the school canteen.

- Hong: "_____?"

- Mike: "Here you are."

A. Can you pass the salt, please

B. Can you sit here

C. Can you play basketball

D. Can you speak Japanese, please

Question 6: Peter and Khanh are talking about learning foreign languages.

- Peter: "I think students should learn two foreign languages when they are at school."

- Khanh: "_____. It helps them communicate with more people and broaden their minds."

A. That's not a good idea

B. I don't think it's a good idea

C. I quite agree with you

D. I quite disagree with you

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

Question 7: My uncle dreams of having new house, so he plans to save up for it.

A. leaves

B. intends

C. moves

D. quits

Question 8: Returning home after the earthquake, Simon saw that his house was extremely chaotic.

A. messy

B. organized

C. tidy

D. neat

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 9: He had some business to do in a foreign country, but his company denied responsibility to pay for his expenses.

A. refused

B. accepted

C. avoided

D. neglected

Question 10: I think should apologise to Mary. What you commented on her new hairstyle yesterday was really below the belt.

A. fair and cruel

B. fair and kind

C. cruel and kind

D. fair and unkind

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

Question 11: The journalist is talking about having a new _____ published in the local newspaper next week.

A. cartoon

B. editor

C. documentary

D. article

Question 12: The foreign teacher was speaking so fast. Nga couldn't _____ the main contents of his lesson.

A. call for

B. note down

C. go on

D. make up

Question 13: Her parents are working on the farm, _____?

A. aren't they

B. are they

C. don't they

D. do they

Question 14: We will inform you _____.

A. as soon as we had had the interview result

B. as soon as we had the interview result

C. as soon as we were having the interview result

D. as soon as we have the interview result

Question 15: The man _____ home when his car broke down.

A. is driving

B. has driven

C. drives

D. was driving

Question 16: She promised _____ to my birthday party, but she didn't.

A. to coming

B. to come

C. come

D. coming

Question 17: Nam is trying to break the _____ of staying up too late.

A. option

B. race

C. habit

D. sound

Question 18: Binh is 1.80 meters tall, and Linh is 1.65 meters tall. Binh is _____ Linh.

- A. taller than B. older than C. younger than D. shorter than

Question 19: We have travelled to almost every tourist attraction in _____ Africa.

- A. an B. the C. Ø (no article) D. a

Question 20: It's not difficult _____ her to go to work because the office is near her home.

- A. for B. on C. to D. towards

Question 21: Although the students in my class have been learning English for three months, they can _____ confidently with foreigners.

- A. communication B. communicatively C. communicate D. communicative

Question 22: The Youth International Conference _____ by a lot of young people from around the world.

- A. was attended B. attends C. attended D. was attending

Question 23: It is uncommon for the director to _____ power to his finance manager to make financial decisions for the company.

- A. delegate B. authorise C. navigate D. stimulate

Question 24: Before you decide to purchase that car, it is crucial that you should look into it carefully. It's unwise to buy a pig _____.

- A. in a rack B. in a roll C. in a pack D. in a poke

Question 25: _____ a job in a small company, he turned it down and kept on applying for a more suitable one.

- A. Offered B. To offer C. Offering D. Having offered

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 26 to 30.

People have been recording information in the form of writing since ancient times. Latin - the language of religion, and French - the language of the rich and powerful, were the preferred languages in the Middle Ages in Europe. Subjects were usually connected to religion, trade and government although historians have also come across love letters which (26) _____ people wrote to stay in touch. After the invention of the printing press, books and documents became readily (27) _____. This, together with improvements in education and the spread of postal services, permitted families and friends to (28) _____ messages to each other by letters. Maintaining contact was much easier than it had ever been.

In recent years, though, everything has changed. Mobile phones, emails and text messages (29) _____ have been increasingly popular are replacing letters. Why bother writing a letter when you can make a small talk on the phone for very little cost? (30) _____, most people would agree that there is something very special about receiving a handwritten letter.

(Adapted from *High Note*)

Question 26: A. another B. many C. every D. each

Question 27: A. available B. occupied C. vacant D. constant

Question 28: A. lengthen B. convey C. expand D. transform

Question 29: A. which B. when C. where D. who

Question 30: A. Although B. Because C. Moreover D. However

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.

The Japanese love inventing and they are very good at it. But there is one inventor who has invented more things than anyone else in Japan - Dr. Nakamats. He has designed over 4,000 new inventions over the last fifty years. He is most well-known for his unusual inventions.

He designed many strange things such as glasses which look like eyes so you can't notice them, shoes which have steel springs so that you can jump in them, and a pillow which stops you from falling asleep when you are driving.

How does he come up with these ideas? He finds listening to Beethoven helpful. But the thing that makes him most creative is holding his breath underwater. He dives into his swimming pool every day and stays underwater as long as he can. He believes that less oxygen in the brain is good for new ideas. He also dives with a pencil and a notebook which he invented. He needs to write down his ideas immediately in the water because they disappear quickly.

Dr. Nakamats believes that eating the right food is important for creativity, and he has invented some snacks that he says are good for your brain. He has also invented an armchair which helps to **enhance** your brainpower. He sits in the chair every day to give him more good ideas. Dr. Nakamats is now in his eighties, but he plans to live until he is 144 years old, so he still has plenty of time to develop even more new ideas.

(Adapted from *Get Ahead*)

Question 31: The passage is mainly about _____.

- A. famous Japanese scientists and their more inventions
- B. a famous Japanese scientist and his strange inventions
- C. inventions by famous Japanese inventors
- D. Japanese famous inventions by a scientist

Question 32: The word **it** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. Japan
- B. notebook
- C. invention
- D. inventing

Question 33: According to paragraph 2, Dr. Nakamats invented all of the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. glasses
- B. shoes
- C. a pillow
- D. a book

Question 34: Dr. Nakamats dives with a pencil and a notebook because _____.

- A. he wants to get oxygen quickly
- B. he can dive more quickly
- C. he can drive more carefully
- D. he wants to write down his ideas immediately

Question 35: The word **enhance** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. divide
- B. reduce
- C. improve
- 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 36 to 42.

Action movies are exciting and a lot of fun to watch, but they also involve scenes of great risk and danger. In the language of filmmaking, dangerous actions are called *stunts*. Who performs these stunts? This work is too dangerous for regular actors. Movie companies usually hire special stunt people to stand in for the actors in scenes that are unsafe.

Movie producers don't like to let actors do their own stunt work. If the actors injure themselves, it can delay the production schedule. Using stunt people also saves time. Most stunt people have years of experience, which enables **them** to perform their stunts with a minimum of risk. It would take too long to train the actors to perform dangerous scenes safely.

Some people who love the **thrill** of dangerous sports such as skydiving or rock climbing think it would be easy to work as a stunt person. But it isn't enough to be a risk-taker. Stunt performers also have to know what to do if anything goes wrong.

In addition to risk-taking and **meticulous** attention to detail and planning, stunt work requires being in top physical condition. Although there are a few training programmes for stunt performers, most provide only an overview of the profession. Normally, the people who attend these programmes already have experience in dangerous sports, rescue work, or the military. So the best way to prepare for a career in stunt work is to train in an area that involves strong physical conditioning and has an element of physical danger.

Modern filmmaking techniques have changed the way some dangerous scenes are filmed. For example, computer-generated images make it possible to show stunts that would be too dangerous or expensive for real stunt people to perform. Computer-generated images are often used today to create big fight scenes, car crashes, and explosions. However, they are not always the best choice. Many audiences want to see real people perform actual stunts. Also, the rising popularity of made-for-TV movies around the world ensures that there is still plenty for stunt people in the film industry.

(Adapted from *Strategic Reading*)

Question 36: Which of the following statements best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- A. Stunt people have to be physically fit to perform dangerous actions.
- B. Movie companies use technology for stunts instead of stunt performers.
- C. Stunt work is dangerous and needs to be performed by skilled and strong people.
- D. Action movies sometimes comprise non-dangerous work undertaken by the supporting cast.

Question 37: In the language of filmmaking, stunts are _____.

- A. regular actors
- B. action movies
- C. dangerous actions
- D. exciting scenes

Question 38: The word **them** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. stunt people
- B. movie producers
- C. movie scenes
- D. movie actors

Question 39: The word **thrill** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. consequence
- B. convenience
- C. excitement
- D. arrangement

Question 40: The word **meticulous** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. useful
- B. helpful
- C. careful
- D. harmful

Question 41: Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Movie stunts are often performed by the main actors.
- B. Stunt performers normally have certain experience in related fields.
- C. Stunts need to be performed with great care.
- D. Stunt people are hired mostly to undertake dangerous scenes.

A. Audiences prefer computer-generated images to stunts performed by real people.
B. Stunts play an indispensable role in the success of made-for-TV movies.
C. Modern technology may assist in reducing the cost of film production.
D. Film directors can take advantage of TV scenes in their movies.

Question 43: They give a good presentation on how to adopt a green lifestyle last week.

A **B** **C** **D**

A

B

C

D

A

B

C

D

Question 47: “I helped the old lady cross the road,” said the teacher.

D. The teacher said she helped the old lady cross the road.

D. Student won't bring food into the computer room.

D. Mark started learning Spanish when he was seven years old.

Question 49: The gold ring was expensive. I couldn't afford to buy it.

D. If the gold ring had been cheaper, I couldn't have afforded to buy it.

D. Not until all the audiences at the theatre gave them a loud round of applause did the boy band finish their first live performance.

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