

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.

1. A. maintaineded B. arriveded C. attracteded D. supposeded
2. A. peasant B. pleasure C. feature D. breakfast

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 primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. applicant B. memory C. candidate D. solution
4. A. device B. certain C. future D. burden

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

5. Portuguese _____ as an official language in this city since three hundred years ago.
A. was spoken B. was being spoken C. has been spoken D. has spoken
6. He talked about the books and the authors _____ interested him.
A. that B. when C. which D. who
7. _____, Nguyen Hue had proved that he was really an excellent general, only gained victories.
A. Because he is a peasant B. In spite of having a peasant background
C. Despite of his peasant background D. Though his peasant background
8. When John called last night, I _____ my favorite film on Netflix.
A. was watching B. watched C. watch D. had watched
9. There isn't _____ airport near where I live. _____ nearest airport is 70 miles away.
A. the – A B. the – The C. an – A D. an – The
10. The term the mass media in English refers basically _____ TV, radio and newspapers
A. in B. about C. to D. on
11. It gets _____ to understand what the professor has explained.
A. difficult more and more B. more and more difficult
C. the more difficult D. more difficult than
12. Pho is _____ with those who like Vietnamese food.
A. popularise B. popularity C. popularly D. popular
13. If I _____ it was a formal party, I wouldn't have gone wearing jeans and a jumper.
A. had been knowing B. could know C. knew D. had known
14. Something should be done immediately to prevent teenagers _____ being exploited in factories and mines.
A. on B. of C. from D. with
15. Maria tried to read a novel in French _____ the book was too difficult for her to understand.
A. and B. but C. so that D. however
16. When the first child was born, they _____ for three years.
A. were married B. will have been married
C. have been married D. had been married
17. The interviewer asked me what experience _____ for the job.
A. I got B. you got C. do you get D. did I get

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

18. Unemployment is a massive problem for the government at the moment.
A. minor B. primary C. complicated D. major

19. I tried to **look on the bright side**, to be grateful that I was at least healthy.
A. be pessimistic B. be careful C. be disinterested D. be optimistic

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.

20. Before the **advent** of the railways, communications were slow and difficult.
A. introduction B. arrival C. import D. disappearance
21. Urbanization is the **shift** of people from rural to urban areas, and the result is the growth of cities.
A. transposition B. variation C. maintenance D. movement

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.

22. John works as a journalist since he graduated from university in 2000.
A B C D
23. Russian should learn by Hoa before she goes to Moscow
A B C D
24. Works written by Vladimir Nabokov often contain heroes and heroines which have lived in many places.
A B C D

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

25. *Jenny and Jimmy are talking about university education.*
Jenny: "I think having a university degree is the only way to succeed in life".
Jimmy: "_____ . There were successful people without a degree".
 A. I can't agree more. B. That's life.
 C. That's all right. D. I don't quite agree.

26. *Chloe and Jess are talking about a new bicycle.*
Chloe: "Oh, your new bicycle is very nice"
Jess: "_____ . I don't think it's the one that suits me".
 A. You've got to be kidding
 B. You're welcome
 C. You are too kind
 D. I'm glad you like it.

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.

If an American is satisfied with you, he will put his thumb and forefinger into a circle. That means OK. But in Brazil, the very sign is considered to be (27) _____. In Poland, a guest usually presents flowers to his hostess. The number must be an odd one. (28) _____, the hostess isn't expected to remove the cover of the (29) _____ of flowers. And usually, red rose is a sign of love.

Usually, we nod to express our agreement and shake our heads to show disapproval. (30) _____ our surprise these body movements mean the opposite in Bulgaria. The differences in (31) _____ and cultures in the world are really noticeable. We should learn more about them to avoid embarrassment. Then, would you please remember: When in Rome, do as Romans do.

27. A. agreeable B. positive C. polite D. rude
28. A. As a result B. Besides C. However D. Therefore
29. A. leaves B. thorns C. bunch D. branch
30. A. For B. At C. With D. To
31. A. customs B. languages C. costumes D. festivals

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

Newspapers and television news programs always seem to report about the bad things happening in society. However, there is a place where reader can find some good news. That place is the website called *HappyNews*.

The man behind HappyNews is Byron Reese. Reese set up HappyNews because he thought other news sources were giving people an unbalanced view of the world. Reese said about HappyNews, “The news

media gives you a distorted view of the world by exaggerating bad news, misery, and despair. We're trying to balance out the scale”.

Not everyone agrees with Reese's view, though. Many people think that news sources have a responsibility to provide news that is helpful to people. People need to know about issues or problems in today's society. Then **they** are better able to make informed decisions about things that affect their daily lives. Reese said that HappyNews is not trying to stop people from learning about issues or problems. HappyNews is just trying to provide a balanced picture of today's world.

By the end of its first month online, HappyNews had more than 70,000 unique readers. About 60 percent of those readers were women. Something else **unique** makes HappyNews different from any of the other news or information websites that are on the Internet. Unlike many other websites, HappyNews gets fan mail from its readers on a daily basis.

32. How is HappyNews different than other news sources?

- A. Its stories are not about bad things.
- B. All of the stories are written by Reese.
- C. Happy News does not exaggerate its stories.
- D. The website only has stories about women.

33. The pronoun “**they**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. sources
- B. issues
- C. problems
- D. people

34. Which of the following is NOT true about Happy News after its first month online?

- A. Readers sent in nice letters about it every day
- B. Reese used it to create other websites.
- C. It had thousands of readers.
- D. Most of its readers were women.

35. What is another possible title for the reading

- A. “Why Women Like Happy News”
- B. “Newspapers vs. Online News”
- C. “Good News for a Change”
- D. “Byron Reese Tells People How to Be Happy”

36. The word “**unique**” in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. different
- B. awful
- C. interesting
- D. very special

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

37. I have to do so much work. I can't go to the movies with you.

- A. If I didn't have so much work to do, I could have gone to the movies with you.
- B. I wish I didn't have so much work to do so that I could go to the movies with you.
- C. Were I not to have so much work to do, I couldn't go to the movies with you.
- D. If I had had so much work to do, I could have gone

38. John was inexperience in the field. He applied for the job.

- A. John didn't apply for the job because of his experience in the field
- B. John applied for the job because he has experience in the field.
- C. John applied for the job though he has no experience in the field
- D. John was unable to do the job because he was inexperienced.

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

39. “I agree that I am narrow-minded,” said the manager.

- A. The manager admitted being narrow-minded.
- B. The manager denied being narrow-minded.
- C. The manager refused to be narrow-minded.
- D. The manager promised to be narrow-minded.

40. The older he grew, the more forgetful he became.

- A. He became more forgetful and older.
- B. As he grew older, he became more and more forgetful.
- C. He grew older and less forgetful.
- D. He grew older when he became more forgetful.

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