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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 sentences.

- Question 1. A. takes B. pens C. boats D. traps
Question 2. A. carry B. marriage C. parrot D. barber

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which is stressed differently from the rest.

- Question 3. A. attractive B. different C. secretary D. brilliant
Question 4. A. consume B. reflect C. local D. between

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 5. A host is asking some guests at a housewarming party.

- Host: "More tea? Anyone?" - One guest: "....."
A. I'd love to B. I don't agree, I'm afraid C. It's right D. Yes, please

Question 6. Two friends Mary and Tom are talking about Mary's new dress.

- Tom: "You look nice today. I like your new dress." - Mary: "....."
A. Oh well done! B. I feel interesting to hear that.
C. It's nice of you to think so. D. Shall I? Thanks.

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 7. "Don't be such a pessimist. I'm sure you'll soon get over it. Cheer up!"

- A. hobbyist B. optimist C. activist D. feminist

Question 8. The story told by the teacher amused children in the class.

- A. astonished B. frightened C. jolted D. saddened

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.

Question 9. You must answer the police's questions truthfully; otherwise, you will get into trouble.

- A. in a harmful way B. as trustingly as you can
C. with a negative attitude D. exactly as you can

Question 10. It takes me 15 minutes to get ready.

- A. to prepare B. to wake up C. to go D. to get up

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 11. Higher education is very (A) importance to national (B) economies, and it is also a source of trained and (C) educated personnel for (D) the whole country.

Question 12. His (A) parents (B) advise him to (C) study hard for (D) his exams last week.

Question 13. It (A) was suggested that your father (B) give (C) in smoking for the sake of (D) himself.

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

Question 14. Nam is not here. He can't give you any advice.

- A. If only Nam had been here, he could have given you some advice.
B. If Nam were here, he couldn't give you some advice.
C. Provided that Nam is here, he can't give you any advice.
D. If Nam were here, he could give you some advice.

Question 15. I've lost the DVD. You gave it to me.

- A. I've lost the DVD which you gave me. B. I've lost the DVD whose you gave me.
C. I've lost the DVD what you gave me. D. I've lost the DVD to that you gave me.

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 16. It is unnecessary for you to finish the report until tomorrow afternoon.

- A. You needn't finish the report until tomorrow afternoon.
- B. You have to finish the report until tomorrow afternoon.
- C. You may finish the report after tomorrow afternoon.
- D. You should finish the report until tomorrow afternoon

Question 17. Tom said. "Why do you keep staring at me, Janet?"

- A. Tom asked Janet why did she keep staring at him.
- B. Tom asked Janet why she keeps staring at him.
- C. Tom asked Janet why she had kept staring at him.
- D. Tom asked Janet why she kept staring at him.

Question 18. Lan didn't apply for the job in the library. She regrets it now.

- A. Lan wishes she had applied for the job in the library.
- B. Lan wishes she hadn't applied for the job in the library.
- C. Lan wishes she would apply for the job in the library.
- D. Lan wishes she applies for the job in the library.

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 19. They are planning a _____ vacation.

- A. relaxing family tropical
- B. family tropical relaxing
- C. tropical relaxing family
- D. relaxing tropical family

Question 20. These books aren't yours, _____?

- A. are these
- B. aren't these
- C. are they
- D. aren't they

Question 21. She sat down and took a few deep breaths to calm herself _____.

- A. down
- B. out
- C. about
- D. back

Question 22. The children should be _____ the opportunity to make their own choices.

- A. received
- B. given
- C. achieved
- D. acquired

Question 23. The doctor warned him _____ too much fast food.

- A. eat
- B. to eat
- C. eating
- D. ate

Question 24. The cake _____ by my sister for my birthday.

- A. will bake
- B. baked
- C. is baking
- D. will be baked

Question 25. This is an interesting and highly _____ book.

- A. inform
- B. information
- C. informatively
- D. informative

Question 26. Learning a new language is _____ than learning a new skill on the computer.

- A. the most difficult
- B. most difficult
- C. more difficult
- D. the least difficult

Question 27. Monday is the day _____ I have my piano lesson.

- A. which
- B. on which
- C. where
- D. in which

Question 28. I caught the last train to my hometown by the skin of my _____.

- A. arms
- B. neck
- C. nose
- D. teeth

Question 29. The mother asked her son _____ the day before.

- A. where he has been
- B. where has he been
- C. where he had been
- D. where had he been

Question 30. It is necessary that children _____ of their old parents

- A. to take care
- B. takes care
- C. took care
- D. take care

Question 31. I work in _____ company that makes carpets.

- A. a
- B. an
- C. the
- D. no article

Question 32. I'll have the boys _____ the chairs.

- A. paint
- B. to paint
- C. painted
- D. painting

Question 33. Hurry! The train _____ I don't want to miss it.

- A. comes
- B. is coming
- C. came
- D. has come

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each the numbered blanks.

There are a number of measures that should be (34) _____ to protect endangered animals. First, people should organize different activities to raise people's awareness of the urgent needs to protect these animals. For example, they hold international conferences, seminars and forums about the (35) _____ of ecology and biodiversity. At the same time, they should appeal (36) _____ governmental agencies in the world to

contribute to the programmes of protecting and preserving plants and animals that are driven to the verge of extinction. In addition, people (37) _____ contribute to the fund of preserving the earth's valuable natural resources for future generations. (38) _____ these, governments should enact laws to ban activities that can damage or destroy the nature. If these measures are taken, our planet might be a peaceful and beautiful place for all kinds of beings to live in.

- Question 34. A. done B. taken C. made D. brought
Question 35. A. importance B. important C. importanted D. importantly
Question 36. A. at B. in C. with D. to
Question 37. A. can B. ought C. should D. will
Question 38. A. Beside B. Besides C. because D. because of

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 following questions.

For many people who live in cities, parks are an important part of the landscape. They provide a place for people to relax and play sports, as well as a refuge from the often harsh environment of a city. What people often overlook is that parks also provide considerable environmental benefits.

One benefit of parks is that plants absorb carbon dioxide - a key pollutant - and emit oxygen, which humans need to breathe. According to one study, an acre of trees can absorb the same amount of carbon dioxide that a typical car emits in 11,000 miles of driving. Parks also make cities cooler. Scientists have long noted what is called the Urban Heat Island Effect: building materials such as metal, concrete, and asphalt absorb much more of the sun's heat and release it much more quickly than organic surfaces like trees and grass. Because city landscapes contain so much of these building materials, cities are usually warmer than surrounding rural areas. Parks and other green spaces help to **mitigate** the Urban Heat Island Effect.

Unfortunately, many cities cannot easily create more parks because most land is already being used for buildings, roads, parking lots, and other essential parts of the urban environment. However, cities could benefit from many of the positive effects of parks by encouraging citizens to create another type of green space: rooftop gardens. While most people would not think of starting a garden on their roof, human beings have been planting gardens on rooftops for thousands of years. Some rooftop gardens are very complex and require complicated engineering, but others are simple container gardens that anyone can create with the investment of a few hundred dollars and a few hours of work.

Rooftop gardens provide many of the same benefits as other urban park and garden spaces, but without taking up the much-needed land. Like parks, rooftop gardens help to replace carbon dioxide in the air with nourishing oxygen. They also help to lessen the Urban Heat Island Effect, which can save people money. In the summer, rooftop gardens prevent buildings from absorbing heat from the sun, which can significantly reduce cooling bills. In the winter, gardens help hold in the heat that materials like brick and concrete radiate so quickly, leading to savings on heating bills. Rooftop vegetable and herb gardens can also provide fresh food for city dwellers, saving them money and making their diets healthier. Rooftop gardens are not only something everyone can enjoy, they are also a smart environmental investment.

Question 39. Based on its use in paragraph 2, it can be inferred that **mitigate** belongs to which of the following word groups?

- A. exacerbate, aggravate, intensify B. obliterate, destroy, annihilate
C. allay, alleviate, reduce D. absorb, intake, consume

Question 40. Using the information in paragraph 2 as a guide, it can be inferred that _____.

- A. cities with rooftop gardens are cooler than those without rooftop gardens
B. some plants are not suitable for growth in rooftop gardens
C. most people prefer parks to rooftop gardens
D. most people prefer life in the country over life in the city

Question 41. Based on the information in paragraph 3, which of the following best describes the main difference between parks and rooftop gardens?

- A. Parks are expensive to create while rooftop gardens are not.
B. Parks are public while rooftop gardens are private.
C. Parks absorb heat while rooftop gardens do not.
D. Parks require much space while rooftop gardens do not.

Question 42. The author claims all of the following to be the benefits of rooftop gardens except _____.

- A. increased space for private relaxation B. savings on heating and cooling costs
C. better food for city dwellers D. improved air quality

Question 43. According to the author, one advantage that rooftop gardens have over parks is that they _____.

- A. decrease the Urban Heat Island Effect
- B. replenish the air with nourishing oxygen
- C. do not require the use of valuable urban land
- D. are less expensive than traditional park spaces

Question 44. The author's tone in the passage is best described as _____.

- A. descriptive
- B. passionate
- C. informative
- D. argumentative

Question 45. It can be inferred from the passage that the author would most likely endorse a program that _____.

- A. permitted the construction of buildings in city park land provided they have rooftop gardens
- B. extended discounts on plants to customers who use them to create rooftop gardens
- C. offered free admission to schools willing to take their students on field trips to the city park
- D. promised vacation getaways to cooler destinations for those trapped in the city at the peak of summer

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 following questions.

The 21st century has become another important century for inventions and discoveries. We are only in the 2nd decade of this century currently but we have already witnessed many big innovations that have drastically changed our way of living. Bluetooth technology, broadband internet, artificial heart, genetic engineering, virtual reality, 3D printing are some to name a few. These inventions are changing the way we live, do our things and communicate with the others. Even though some of these developments are in the early stage of innovation, they have a more sophisticated and promising future. Social media is one of the most important aspects that has affected each person in this modern time.

According to Heidi Cohen, Social Media are the platforms that enable the interactive web by engaging users to participate in, comment on and create content as means of communicating with their social graph, other users and the public. The power of social media has changed most of the things in our daily life. Social media has revolutionized and completely changed the way we send and receive information. **It** is more interactive, can be done in realtime and uses a wide number of media like text, audio, video, pictures, graphics and more. With these sites, sending and receiving messages offline and in realtime, audio and video chatting, sharing pictures, video and text, going "Live" to many audiences, meeting old friends and making new has revolutionized our way of establishing connections with others.

There are also the negative sides of the innovation of social media and their usage. Increase in cyber-crime, invasion of privacy, security threats etc. is some of the issues associated with social networks. But at the same time social networks are working themselves to cope with the increasing problems that arise with the improper use of it. With more and more sophistication and versatility of use, social media have undoubtedly proved to be a **boon** to connectivity and social interaction between people in this age of communication and information technology.

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Question 46. Which of the following could serve as the best title of the passage?

- A. Social Media – One of the Greatest Inventions of the 21st Century
- B. How Positive Social Media Changes Our Lives?
- C. Advantages and Disadvantages of Social Media
- D. Important Inventions in Modern Society

Question 47. What does the word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. information
- B. the way
- C. social media
- D. the power

Question 48. The following are benefits brought by social media mentioned in paragraph 2, EXCEPT _____.

- A. connecting people all over the world
- B. keeping contact with others via various ways
- C. helping people exchange information in a more interactive way
- D. increasing the private invasion of users

Question 49. According to the passage, which of the following sentences is TRUE?

- A. The new inventions remain the way we interact with each other.
- B. It's unlikely for people to process documents on social media.
- C. Using social media improperly will increase the problems for users.
- D. People nowadays send and receive more online messages than normal.

Question 50. The word "**boon**" in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. benefit
- B. drawback
- C. challenge
- D. advance