

Part I. PHONETICS

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. <u>pr</u> oud | B. <u>sou</u> th | C. <u>lou</u> d | D. <u>to</u> ugh |
| 2. A. <u>shou</u> lder | B. <u>mo</u> uth | C. <u>sno</u> w | D. <u>fl</u> ow |
| 3. A. <u>to</u> wn | B. <u>ho</u> w | C. <u>bo</u> wl | D. <u>do</u> wn |
| 4. A. <u>bo</u> at | B. <u>ro</u> ad | C. <u>go</u> al | D. <u>so</u> ar |
| 5. A. <u>cou</u> try | B. <u>pou</u> ltry | C. <u>mo</u> ulding | D. <u>cou</u> ch |
| 6. A <u>bo</u> ulder | B <u>hou</u> sework | C <u>amou</u> nt | D <u>accou</u> nt |
| 7. A. <u>kn</u> ow | B. <u>no</u> w | C. <u>bl</u> ow | D. <u>be</u> low |
| 8. A. <u>to</u> ne | B. <u>pho</u> ne | C. <u>no</u> ne | D. <u>ro</u> se |
| 9. A. <u>all</u> ow | B. <u>pl</u> ow | C. <u>cl</u> ow | D. <u>sh</u> ow |
| 10. A. <u>dro</u> ught | B. <u>enou</u> gh | C. <u>rou</u> gh | D. <u>to</u> ugh |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. glory | B. media | C. worker | D. award |
| 2. A. mountain | B. dolphin | C. public | D. pursuit |
| 3. A. computer | B. technology | C. magazine | D. connection |
| 4. A. scholarship | B. marathon | C. technician | D. candidate |
| 5. A. digital | B. construction | C. Internet | D. cyberspace |
| 6. A. flexible | B. frustrated | C. embarrassed | D. decisive |
| 7. A. degree | B. traffic | C. deadline | D. teamwork |
| 8. A. obstacle | B. controller | C. strategy | D. business |
| 9. A. curriculum | B. investigate | C. developer | D. diabetes |
| 10. A. create | B. suppose | C. mistake | D. manage |
| 11. A. cooperative | B. motivated | C. responsible | D. reliable |
| 12. A. determined | B. punctual | C. technical | D. furious |
| 13. A. experience | B. embarrassment | C. entrepreneur | D. achievement |
| 14. A. safari | B. company | C. manager | D. bachelor |
| 15. A. interact | B. motivate | C. volunteer | D. entertain |

Part II. GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

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

- Linda only _____ the film after she _____ the book.

A. understood – read	B. understood - had read
C. had understood – read	D. understood - was reading
- _____ you ever _____ on TV before you _____ in this reality show?

A. Had ... appeared - took part	B. Have ... appeared - took part
C. Did ... appear - had taken part	D. Would ... appear - took part
- I wasn't sure how Belinda would react because I _____ her long.

A. didn't know	B. wasn't knowing	C. hadn't been knowing	D. hadn't known
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- I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he _____.

A. was already left	B. already left
C. had already been leaving	D. had already left
- When we _____ to the airport, I realized that I _____ my passport at home.

A. got - had left	B. got - was left	C. got - left	D. had got - had left
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- He _____ the umbrella in his right hand trying to keep his balance.

A. hold	B. held	C. has been holding	D. has held
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- When I met Walters about two years before his death he didn't seem satisfied. He _____ no major book since he settled in Uganda.

A. has published	B. could have published	C. published	D. had published
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- Throughout the campaign we _____ our candidate's photographs on the walls of public buildings, hoping to attract women's votes.

- A. have been hanging B. hanged C. hung D. have hung
9. Many of the people who attended Major Gordon's funeral ____ him for many years.
A. didn't see B. wouldn't see C. haven't seen D. hadn't seen
10. Seeing Peter's handwriting on the envelope, she ____ the letter without reading it. She has not mentioned it ever since.
A. was tearing B. tore C. had torn D. has torn
11. We were both very excited about the visit, as we ____ each other for ages.
A. never saw B. didn't see C. hadn't seen D. haven't seen
12. What made you think he ____ in the Royal Air Force?
A. must have to be B. had been C. was being D. had had to be
13. Without turning my head in the direction of the gate I ____ a small object just under the fence.
A. spotted B. had spotted C. have spotted D. was spotted
14. With just one exception, the report says, each of the trees that was cut down ____ very expensive treatment for periods of up to ten years.
A. had to be under B. was under C. has undergone D. had undergone
15. They ____ married for two years or so when Roy employed a very attractive Indian secretary in his Glasgow office.
A. only have been B. were only C. have only been D. had only been
16. How long ____ Gerry?
A. has you been knowing B. has you know C. have you been knowing D. have you known
17. How many times ____ New York?
A. has Charles been visiting B. has Charles visited
C. have Charles been visiting D. have Charles visited
18. She ____ French words for hours, but she still doesn't remember all of them.
A. has been learning B. has been learnt C. has learnt D. have been learning
19. My father _____.
A. has never smoked B. have never smoked
C. has never been smoking D. have never been smoking
20. Oh dear, the light ____ all night.
A. has been burning B. has burnt C. has burned D. have burning
21. We ____ Lisa recently.
A. hasn't seen B. haven't seen C. haven't been seeing D. haven't been seen
22. I ____ fifteen phone calls this morning.
A. has been making B. have been making C. have been made D. have made
23. ____ anything so strange in your life?
A. Have you ever been hearing B. Have ever you been hearing
C. Have you ever heard D. Have you ever heard
24. You're red in the face. ____
A. Has you ran? B. Have you been runned? C. Have you ran? D. Have you been running?
25. The sun ____ since this morning.
A. has shining B. has shined C. has shone D. has been shining
26. How long ____ the drums?
A. have you been playing B. you have played C. have you playing D. have you played
27. The phone bill is enormous. You ____ your boyfriend in Australia, ____?
A. have been called - have you B. have called - haven't you
C. have been calling - haven't you D. has called - hasn't you
28. He ____ on his essay all day, but he ____ yet.
A. has been writing - has not finished B. has writing - has not been finishing
C. have been written - have not finished D. has written - has not been finishing
29. John ____ for the government since he graduated from Harvard University. Until recently, he ____ his work, but now he is talking about retiring.
A. has been working - has not enjoyed B. has writing - has been finishing
C. has worked - has been enjoying D. has worked - have enjoyed
30. Lately, I ____ about changing my career because I ____ dissatisfied with the conditions at my company.
A. have been thinking - have become B. have been thinking - have been become

3. If you have lots of qualifications and soft skills, you can be _____ more in the job market.
A. employable B. fluent C. decisive D. creative
4. The candidate had little work _____ because he had just graduated.
A. experience B. punctuality C. fluency D. communication
5. Last year, I had lots of difficulties, but I managed to meet the tight _____ of two projects.
A. leadership B. deadlines C. experience D. qualifications
6. You have to be good at _____ to deal with different tasks at the same time in that team.
A. motivated B. multitasking C. fluent D. respectful
7. When Kristy won the gold medal, people thought she would have a(n) _____ in swimming.
A. full awareness B. cultural identity C. promising career D. happy marriage
8. The manager got _____ when Victor failed to complete the project.
A. amazed B. furious C. interested D. excited
9. That company required candidates to have appropriate job _____.
A. qualifications B. posts C. vacancy D. satisfaction
10. The scientist's innovative research left a lasting _____ that influenced future generations.
A. fortune B. mistake C. legacy D. failure
11. Her recent success served as an _____ for many young athletes who aspired to follow in her footsteps.
A. inspire B. inspired C. inspiring D. inspiration
12. She felt deeply _____ after realizing she had forgotten her lines during the performance.
A. embarrassment B. embarrassing C. embarrassed D. embarrass
13. The politician became _____ for his involvement in the scandal that shocked the entire nation.
A. infamous B. infamy C. infamously D. infamousness
14. The results of the experiment were _____ different from what we had expected.
A. surprising B. surprised C. surprise D. surprisingly
15. The team's _____ attitude made it difficult to complete the project on time.
A. uncooperative B. cooperative C. cooperatively D. uncooperativeness

Part III. SPEAKING

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. Speaker A: "Thanks for coming to the interview today, Alex. We'll be in touch."
Speaker B: "Thank you. _____"
A. I completely agree. B. OK. Let's do that.
C. I can start right away. D. I look forward to hearing from you.
2. Student A: "What are you reading?"
Student B: "It's an article about the Internet. _____ There are still over a million homes in the UK without Internet access!"
A. Guess what? B. How come? C. But what can we do? D. What are your thoughts?
3. Student A: "_____ discuss how technology can help us preserve our cultural traditions in our next presentation."
Student B: "OK. Let's do that."
A. I couldn't agree with you more but B. It might be a good idea to
C. Your suggestion sounds good but D. We need to come up with some suggestions to
4. A: Do you think that all the people around here are on their smartphones or tablet PCs?
B: _____. May be they are chatting, sending messages or searching for news.
A. Yeah B. No C. Perhaps D. Good
5. A: He said his dad had reduced the number of subscribed print newspaper and magazines.
B: _____. Every one in his house now can read the news on their digital devices.
A. No way. B. I'm not surprised. C. That's strange. D. Not at all.
6. A: All of the elderly in my family now can use digital devices to contact each other.
B: _____. I think I need to help my grandpa use his smartphone.
A. How come. B. No idea C. That's interesting. D. No, thanks.
A: I think we should finish our project before Friday.
B: _____. We don't have much time to complete it after that.
A. I disagree. B. You're wrong. C. Don't mention it. D. I agree.

7. Speaker A: Good afternoon, Abigail. So, _____? Speaker B: I saw it advertised online.
 A. why do you think you're a good candidate B. how did you hear about this job
 C. do you have any previous experience D. when can you start work
8. Student A: Many children are missing out because they can't connect to the Internet at home.
 B: _____ But what can we do?
 A. Oh yes, that's right. B. I completely agree.
 C. You're joking! D. That's terrible indeed!
9. Student A: _____.
 B: Well, I'm decisive and creative, and I have a good knowledge of social media.
 A. Why do you think you are the best candidate for the position?
 B. How did you find out about this job?
 C. Have you done this job before?
 D. When are you available to work?

Part IV. READING

Passage 1: Fill in each gap of the passage with ONE word

Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest presidents of the US, was born on February 12, 1809 to Nancy and Thomas Lincoln in Hardin County, Kentucky. His family moved to southern Indiana in 1816. Lincoln's formal (1) _____ was limited to three brief periods in local schools, as he had to work constantly to support his family. (2) _____, he had strong interest in books and self-study.

In 1830, his family moved to Macon County in southern Illinois, and Lincoln got a job working on a river flatboat hauling freight down (3) _____ Mississippi River to New Orleans. After settling in the town of New Salem, Illinois, where he worked as a shopkeeper and a postmaster, Lincoln became involved in local politics as a supporter of the Whig Party, winning election to the Illinois state legislature in 1834. He was a self-taught lawyer, legislator and vocal opponent of slavery, and was elected 16th president (4) _____ the United States in November 1860, shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War.

There were many interesting stories about him. He was a (5) _____ story teller and like to tell jokes. During his presidency, he used humour many times as an indirect way of saying "no". As his responsibility grew and he became stressed, he used jokes to reduced tensions in himself and those around him. He was (6) _____ by people around the world as a devoted civil right activist and also as a simple man with powerful inner strength and remarkable ability to (7) _____ hardship.

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| 1. | A. learning | B. career | C. schooling | D. achievement |
| 2. | A. however | B. instead | C. although | D. therefore |
| 3. | A. a | B. the | C. an | D. Ø |
| 4. | A. about | B. for | C. of | D. with |
| 5. | A. responsible | B. generous | C. determined | D. gifted |
| 6. | A. respected | B. taken | C. made | D. done |
| 7. | A. inspire | B. overcome | C. admire | D. support |

Passage 2: Fill in each gap of the passage with ONE word

There are three main periods in Beethoven's music career: early, middle and late. The beginning of his early period was in 1792 when he moved to Vienna, Austria. Beethoven quickly (1) _____ a name for himself as a talented pianist. His compositions during this period consisted mainly (2) _____ works for his main instrument, (3) _____ piano, and were classical in nature. However, Beethoven's hearing was beginning to deteriorate during this period, and he tried to hide this fact from those around him.

In 1800, Beethoven turned from the classical forms of the previous century to a more expressive or romantic music. His musical imagination began to grow momentarily during this period. It was believed to be Beethoven's greatest and most productive stage. In less than a decade, he produced countless (4) _____ in every genre.

In 1809, (5) _____, his musical creativity began to decline, possibly due to his health problems and mental state. Beethoven stopped conducting and performing in public, but continue to (6) _____ – many of his most admired works were created during this periods. By 1815, he was almost completely deaf and his manners became increasingly rude. In 1827, he died after a long illness. Nearly

20,000 people lined the streets of Vienna to pay their last (7) _____ to the composer who had changed the music scene of Western Europe.

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| 1. | A. made | B. done | C. taken | D. achieved |
| 2. | A. about | B. for | C. of | D. with |
| 3. | A. a | B. the | C. an | D. Ø |
| 4. | A. songs | B. musical | C. work | D. masterpieces |
| 5. | A. however | B. therefore | C. although | D. instead |
| 6. | A. invent | B. compose | C. discover | D. initiate |
| 7. | A. honor | B. money | C. respect | D. emotion |

Passage 3. Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks:

Nguyễn Du was born in a great wealthy family in 1765 in Thăng Long, Vietnam. His father, Nguyễn Nghiễm, a former prime minister under the Lê dynasty, was born in Hà Tĩnh province. He was the seventh child of his father. By the age of 10, Nguyễn Du lost his father and then lost his mother when he was 13 years old. (36) _____, for most of his teen years he lived with his brother Nguyễn Khản or with his brother-in-law Đoàn Nguyễn Tuấn.

At the age of about 19, Nguyễn Du passed the provincial examination and received the title of "tú tài" (Bachelor's degree), the equivalent of a high school (37) _____ nowadays. However, in Nguyễn Du's time this was a far more difficult degree to obtain both because few people were affluent enough to devote themselves to study and because of exacting standards applied.

Nguyễn Du's mother was his father's third wife, noted for her ability at singing and composing poetry. In fact, she made her (38) _____ by singing, which was considered a disreputable occupation at that time. It is said that Nguyễn might have inherited a part of his (39) _____ from his mother.

After passing the provincial exam, he was appointed to the position of a military advisor in the Royal (Trịnh) army. After the Trịnh lords were defeated in 1786 by Nguyễn Huệ, Nguyễn Du refused to serve in the Tây Sơn administration. He then (40) _____ back to his native village in the north of the country. He died in 1820 at the age of 55.

(adapted from: <https://vi.wikipedia.org>)

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| 1. | A. However | B. Therefore | C. But | D. And |
| 2. | A. graduate | B. undergraduate | C. student | D. teacher |
| 3. | A. reward | B. profits | C. living | D. salary |
| 4. | A. gifts | B. jobs | C. wealth | D. talents |
| 5. | A. was moved | B. moved | C. moving | D. moves |

Passage 4. Fill in each numbered blank with one suitable word or phrase.

What do you do well? What do you enjoy doing? Your answers to these two questions will help you identify your (1) _____. An employer will consider you seriously for a (2) _____ when you can show them that you know who you are, what you can offer and which you have studied. Sometimes it is difficult to know what your weaknesses are. Clearly not everyone is equally good (3) _____ everything. You may need to improve yourself and so (4) _____ courses in that field could turn a weakness into strength.

You will need to (4) _____ some time on your self-assessment. Your honesty and the desire for self-improvement will lead to (6) _____ in getting the right job. Explore the following seven areas to start to get to know yourself: your aptitude, your skills, your personality, the level of responsibility you feel comfortable with, your interests and your needs.

Ask (7) _____ if you have any special talents and if you need to consider your physical health when choosing a job. Be as honest and realistic as you can, and ask for other people's (8) _____ if necessary. Make a list of these things. It is usually a good idea to talk about your aptitudes with teachers, family and friends;

If you are considering a career that (9) _____ a special talent, such as art, acrobatics, mathematics or music, discuss your aptitudes with (10) _____ expert in that area and discover how they fit the needs of the occupation.

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| 1. | A. strong | B. strength | C. strengthen | D. strengthened |
| 2. | A. position | B. location | C. spot | D. room |
| 3. | A. upon | B. in | C. at | D. for |
| 4. | A. meeting | B. taking | C. choosing | D. interviewing |

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| 5. | A. use | B. make | C. lose | D. spend |
| 6. | A. success | B. successful | C. successfully | D. succeed |
| 7. | A. you | B. your | C. yours | D. yourself |
| 8. | A. interests | B. fields | C. opinions | D. attendances |
| 9. | A. requires | B. asks | C. tells | D. urges |
| 10. | A. a | B. an | C. the | D. no article |

Passage 5: Choose the BEST answers to the questions

Martin Luther King, is well-known for his work in civil rights and for his many famous speeches, among which is his moving “I have a dream” speech. But fewer people know much about King’s childhood. M.L., as he was called, was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, at the home of his maternal grandfather. M.L.’s grandfather **purchased** their home on Auburn Avenue in 1909, twenty years before M.L was born. His grandfather allowed the house to be used as a meeting place for a number of organizations dedicated to the education and social advancement of blacks. M.L. grew up in the atmosphere, with his home being used as a community gathering place, and was no doubt influenced by it.

M.L.’s childhood was not especially eventful. His father was a minister and his mother was a musician. He was the second of three children, and he attended all black schools in a black neighborhood. The neighborhood was not poor, however. Auburn Avenue was an area of banks, insurance companies, builders, jewelers, tailors, doctors, lawyers, and other businesses and services. Even in the face of Atlanta’s segregation, the district thrived. Dr. King never forgot the community spirit he had known as a child, nor did he forget the racial prejudice that was a huge barrier keeping black Atlantans from **mingling** with whites.

- What is the passage mainly about?

A. The prejudice that existed in Atlanta.	B. M.L.’s grandfather
C. Martin Luther King’s childhood.	D. The neighborhood King grew up in
- What is Martin Luther King famous for?

A. His family’s background	B. His neighborhood.
C. His childhood.	D. His devotion to civil rights.
- According to the author, M.L. _____.

A. had a difficult childhood.	B. was a good musician as a child
C. loved to listen to his grandfather speak.	D. grew up in a relatively rich area of Atlanta.
- The word **purchased** in paragraph 1 means _____.

A. bought	B. sold	C. hired	D. rent
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- Which of the following statements is NOT true?

A. Auburn was a commercial areas.	B. M.L. was definitely not influenced by the atmosphere in which he grew up.
C. M. L. grew up in a rich, black neighborhood.	D. M.L.’s childhood was uneventful.
- Which of the following is TRUE about Martin Luther King?

A. He was the only child.	B. He was the eldest child.
C. He was the youngest child.	D. He was the middle child.
- The word **mingling** in paragraph 2 means _____.

A. working together	B. playing together	C. mixing together	D. writing together
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Passage 6. Read the passage and choose the best answer:

You've been invited to a job interview and now you want to do everything within your power to get the job. So what do you need to do to prepare yourself for the big day?

First, you should find out as much as you possibly can about the position, the company, the industry and even the interviewer. You should go to your **prospective** employer's website on the internet, where the company presents itself as it wants to be seen; relevant trade journals will then tell you how it is viewed by others. You should perhaps also speak to people who work or have worked for the company, if at all possible.

All this information will give you a great deal to talk about during the interview and so help create the right impression. The more you know, the greater your competitive edge over other candidates.

To help increase confidence, many people practise the interview in front of a mirror. However, you should instead try **it** out with a real person: it's far more realistic and it gives you the chance to ask him or her for

some feedback on your performance. In particular, you should practise answers to common questions you can expect to be asked such as: “What do you consider to be your major strengths and weaknesses?”, “Why do you want to work for this company?”, or “Where do you see yourself in five years' time?” etc.

An interview is also your chance to decide whether you want to work for the company, so be prepared to ask three or four relevant questions yourself. You shouldn't ever underestimate the effect of your appearance on the interviewer; make sure you wear a suit to the interview, even if the normal working environment of the company allows for more informal dress.

Punctuality is another crucial factor with regards to first impressions, and for this reason you should always arrive at the interview site at least 15 minutes before your scheduled meeting. All that's left now is the interview itself. See over for information and advice on successful interview strategies.

1. Before a job interview, you should _____
 - A. get some information about your future company
 - B. wander on the Internet to get some work experience
 - C. meet the interviewer
 - D. chat with your prospective employer on the Internet
2. _____ will probably help you easily surpass other candidates.
 - A. Your ability to speak
 - B. Your ability to start a conversation
 - C. The company's impression on you
 - D. The information you know about the company
3. To help increase confidence, you should practise the interview _____
 - A. in front of a mirror
 - B. with a real person
 - C. ask the interviewer some questions
 - D. give the interviewer a chance to ask you some questions
4. Before an interview, you should . _____
 - A. prepare 3 or 4 questions yourself
 - B. only practise answers to common questions
 - C. only think of the questions on the job of your choice
 - D. give you a chance to practise speaking
5. All of the following factors may help you become a successful candidate except _____
 - A. your appearance
 - B. your punctuality
 - C. your casual clothes
 - D. your knowledge
6. The word “**prospective**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____
 - A. past
 - B. potential
 - C. impossible
 - D. suitable
7. The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____
 - A. a real person
 - B. a mirror
 - C. an interviewer
 - D. practising the interview
8. What is the best title for the passage?
 - A. How To Prepare for a Job Interview
 - B. Going To a Job Interview
 - C. Your first interview
 - D. Preparing for Your Big Day

Passage 7. Read the following passage. For each of the questions from 41 to 45, write T if the statement is TRUE and F if the statement is FALSE.

Clare's Blog: A Memorable Experience in the Mountains

Last month, I had one of the most memorable experiences of my life when I went trekking in the mountains. I grew up in the countryside but, since moving to the city, I have struggled to maintain a strong connection with the natural world. Besides, I had decided that I needed a challenge in my life.

I trained before the trek to get myself back in shape, and I stayed motivated by focusing on my goal – reaching the top of the highest mountain in this part of the country. I planned to go alone, so I also needed to be responsible. Trekking can be dangerous if you don't have the right clothes and equipment.

On the day of the trek, I felt a little nervous as I set out, but the feeling faded as I climbed. The views of the landscape were so stunning that all I wanted to do was go higher so that I could see even more. Reaching the peak was an incredible feeling. The views from the top were unlike anything I had ever seen before. The sense of accomplishment and joy took me completely by surprise – it was an unforgettable feeling, and it will always be one of my happiest memories.

By the time I had returned to the foot of the mountain, I was exhausted, and my legs ached for days afterwards. But the experience taught me a lot about the rewards that come with pushing your limits. I had never trekked up such a big mountain before, but I will almost certainly do it again.

1. Clare decided to go trekking because she felt out of touch with nature. _____
2. Clare didn't expect the trek to be very difficult. _____

- 3. She wasn't prepared for the risks of trekking alone. _____
- 4. The higher Clare climbed, the less anxious she felt. _____
- 5. The pain Clare experienced after her trek made her regret her decision to do it. _____

Passage 8. Read the following passage. For each of the questions from 41 to 45, write T if the statement is TRUE and F if the statement is FALSE.

Ken's Travel Blog:

My Day at the Monkey Buffet Festival

This past weekend, I experienced the truly unique Monkey Buffet Festival in the town of Lop Buri, Thailand. The event was established in 1989 by a local entrepreneur who aimed to attract tourists to the area.

The festival honours the many long-tailed macaque monkeys that are native to the area, which the locals consider symbols of good luck. People prepare a huge feast for the monkeys, including over two tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables. These are beautifully arranged on tables and in huge towers set up around the historic Phra Prang Sam Yot temple, the area's major cultural landmark.

Walking through Lopburi during the festival, there was so much excitement in the air. There were hundreds of monkeys all over the town, climbing on tables, trees and buildings and playfully interacting with both locals and tourists. There were also musical performances, and dances with people dressed in colourful costumes. It was a great opportunity for me to take some photos.

For me, the most memorable part was watching the monkeys as they made their way through the crowds to enjoy the delicious food prepared for them. I'm not an emotional person, but it was heart-warming to see the locals' respect and care for these animals. The Monkey Buffet Festival offers more than just fun; it provides a look into the close relationship that Lop Buri's residents have with nature. Anyone interested in unique cultural events should consider visiting this event. It really is an event like no other.

- 1. The Monkey Buffet Festival is a traditional Thai festival. _____
- 2. The festival takes place inside a famous local building. _____
- 3. The monkeys weren't shy of people. _____
- 4. Ken enjoyed eating local food at the festival. _____
- 5. Ken had an emotional reaction to what he saw at the festival. _____

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

NO ENTRY
EXCEPT FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE STREET PARADE

- 1. What does the notice mean?
 - A. People who are taking part in the street parade cannot enter this area.
 - B. Only people who want to watch the street parade can enter this area.
 - C. You can't enter this area unless you are taking part in the street parade.
 - D. If you want to take part in the street parade, you can't enter this area.

You are invited to Megan's Baby Shower
 Saturday 19th June at 59A Holburn Road
 Barbecue and drinks on us!
 Playing party games optional, but recommended!
 Husbands and children welcome, but let Megan or Russell know who's coming.

- 2. What does the invitation say guests must do?
 - A. contact the hosts
 - B. leave their families at home
 - C. play games at the party
 - D. bring food and drinks to the party

WEB DESIGNER

- At least 2 years of experience required

- Bachelor's degree in a related subject desirable but not essential
 - Candidates must be able to demonstrate a good level of English
- Send your application to HR – video applications preferred.

3. What do candidates need to have done to apply for the job?

- A. created a video application B. completed a university degree
 C. achieved a qualification in English D. worked in a similar job before

Paula Hi, Alice! Have you taken a look at the gift list for Jen and Robbie's wedding? They've asked for a dishwasher. It's quite expensive, so I thought you, me and Lisa could share the cost. Lisa thinks it's a good idea so, if you agree, she'll order it this afternoon. Let me know!

4. What does Paula want Alice to do?

- A. help her choose a dishwasher B. reply to her message
 C. contact Lisa by this afternoon D. choose a gift from the wedding list

Part V. WRITING

Rewrite the following sentences as guided

- I haven't spoken to the HR manager for two months. SINCE
 → It's _____.
- I have never attended a job interview before. FIRST
 → This is _____.
- Dean is still writing his CV at the moment. YET
 → Dean hasn't _____.
- It's 2023 now and I haven't been to India on a business trip since 2018. FOR
 → I haven't _____.
- It is the best party that we have ever organised. NEVER
 → We have _____.
- He last got a promotion five years ago. FOR
 → He hasn't _____.
- John applied to three different companies, and finally he had an interview. BEFORE
 → John _____.
- While I was talking on the phone, I saw Marking leaving the office in a hurry. WHEN
 → I _____.
- Jack started working here in 2015 and he still enjoys it up till now. SINCE
 → Jack _____.
- The first time I wore a costume was when I participated in the carnival parade last weekend.
 → I have never _____.
- Tom went home after that I arrived at the party
 → After Tom _____.
- She had dinner and then she came to my house.
 → Before she _____.
- She went to the airport but the plane had already departed
 → By the time she _____.
- Her wallet was stolen and then she went to the police station
 → After her _____.
- I took the bus and then went shopping
 → As soon as I _____.
- She arrived home . Her kids prepared tea for her.
 → Until she _____.

PRACTICE TEST

LISTENING

Marco and Trish are talking about communication problems. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False). (track 38 BTBT)

- _____ Marco and Trish can't collaborate well with other teams although they are working towards the same goal
- _____ Marco suggests a long formal meeting to make sure all the teams have a mutual understanding.
- _____ Trish feels frustrated when things don't meet her expectations.
- _____ Marco has suffered from frustration before.
- _____ Marco hesitates to accept Trish's meeting invitation because he doesn't want to reschedule his work.

Liz is talking to Rick about her holiday. Listen and write ONE word for each gap. (track 39 BTBT)

- Rick has never been on a(n) _____ ship before.
- On the first day, Liz got _____ because of a storm.
- In the morning, Liz's family went snorkelling close to many kinds of _____ creatures.
- In the afternoon, Liz finished the mountain trek late because of her brother's _____.
- Because the locals were so _____, they offered tasty dishes to Liz's family.

Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

11. A. year B. near C. health D. fear
12. A. author B. laughter C. daughter D. caution

Choose the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.

13. A. safari B. interview C. candidate D. company
14. A. exhausted B. respectful C. successful D. furious

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the questions.

15. When Kristy won the gold medal, people thought she would have a(n) _____ in swimming.
A full awareness B cultural identity C promising career D happy marriage
16. The manager got _____ when Victor failed to complete the project.
A amazed B furious C interested D excited
17. That company required candidates to have appropriate job _____.
A qualifications B posts C vacancy D satisfaction
18. David _____ his multitasking skills to deal with a variety of tasks when he came up with a great idea.
A improves B improved C was improving D has improved
19. Mike _____ an email when he received a text message from his boss.
A typed B was typing C has typed D had typed

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the advertisements.

CONTENT WRITER WANTED

Want to turn your passion for writing (20) _____ a career? We're looking for a (21) _____ content writer to join our team! You'll need:

- Some work experience in writing
- Knowledge of different writing styles

(22) _____ you believe that you're the ideal candidate, apply now!

20. A. over B. about C. along D. into
21. A. create B. creative C. creatively D. creation
22. A. Should B. Do C. If D. Unless

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|-----|---------------|----------------|
| 23. | A designs | B is designing |
| | C is designed | D has designed |
| 24. | A promotion | B pressure |
| | C bonus | D insurance |
| 25. | A Sign up | B Scroll down |
| | C Log in | D Click on |

STRUGGLING WITH WORK STRESS? FEELING OVERWHELMED?

Our stress management course (23) _____ for busy professionals just like you! Learn how to:

- Manage tight deadlines effectively.
- Stay calm and productive under (24) _____.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop strategies to reduce workplace anxiety. Invest in yourself and boost your career potential. (25) ___ today!
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Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.

26.

- a. Despite those hardships, Dickens returned to school and eventually pursued a successful career in writing.
- b. Charles' early struggles in the factory helped shape his deep understanding of the working class.
- c. Consequently, Charles had to leave school and work in a factory at the age of 12.
- d. Charles Dickens, a famous English writer, was born in Portsmouth in 1812 to a low-income family.
- e. When his father went to prison, his family started having lots of financial struggles.

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

27.

- a. The following nights were better as I stayed in a local home, enjoying their hospitality.
- b. My first night in the jungle was an unpleasant experience.
- c. Overall, it was a great jungle trip that helped me gain lots of knowledge.
- d. While I was staying in a small hut, I suddenly encountered some frightening insects of different sizes.
- e. Thankfully, I had a mosquito net, which helped me get some sleep.
- f. Hi, Martha. I've just come back from an unforgettable jungle trip.

A. f-d-a-c-e-b B. e-d-a-b-f-c C. f-b-d-e-a-c D. b-f-c-d-e-a

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

If you're looking for an adventure, (28) _____ !

Last week, (29) _____. They came from all sorts of backgrounds, but they wanted the same thing: to challenge themselves by surviving in the wild.

The trip was tough! (30) _____. Then, they learnt how to set up their own camps. They went rock climbing and white-water rafting. The activities were really demanding, (31) _____. As a result, they became more independent and confident.

Best of all, the trip helped them find (32) _____. One teen loved taking pictures and wanted to be a photographer. Another enjoyed the outdoors and planned to teach others about it. If you're a teenager ready for a challenge and want to push your limits, this trip could change your life! (33) _____
Human&Nature now.

- 28. A. the trip into the wild could perfect you B. a perfect trip into the wild for you
C. your trip into the wild is perfect D. a trip into the wild might be perfect for you
- 29. A. some teenagers went on a wilderness trip called Human&Nature
B. a trip called Human&Nature with teenagers going into the wild
C. some teenagers going on a wilderness trip called Human&Nature
D. a trip called Human&Nature for some teenagers to go
- 30. A. When they spent lots of time hiking over hard trails
B. Their hiking over hard trails for a long time
C. They spent lots of time hiking over hard trails
D. Taking them lots of time to hike over hard trails
- 31. A. or the teens' development of teamwork skills
B without the development of the teens' teamwork skills
C. because the teens developed their teamwork skills
D. but the teens developed their teamwork skills
- 32. A. your passions B. their passions C. our passions D. my passions
- 33. A. Catch up with B. Look forward to C. Sign up for D. Come down with

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

Most job candidates experience nervousness before (34) _____ a job interview. There are some tips that can help you become more confident and successfully pass the interview. First, it is highly recommended that you do research (35) _____ the company that you are applying to. Second, expect the right kinds of questions. Apart from the common "Why should we hire you?" question, it is necessary to be (36) _____ for the specific questions related to the position or your knowledge and

skills. Third, demonstrate your professional competence. Seize every opportunity to show your abilities by giving your own specific cases in which you (37) _____ different situations or problems successfully. Fourth, show your enthusiasm. There might be several competitors for the same post; therefore, to beat the (38) _____, you should convince the interviewer that you are the one who desires the position the most.

34. A. holding B. doing C. attending D. conducting
35. A. at B. from C. about D. into
36. A. convenient B. responsible C. well-prepared D. motivated
37. A. handle B. handled C. were handling D. had handled
38. A. competition B. race C. game D. match

Read the text and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

Young graduates entering the workforce often face a challenging transition into their first professional roles. Apart from the excitement of beginning a new job, there are common challenges that could result in negative feelings.

One major mistake is having unrealistic expectations. New graduates could expect quick **advancement** or immediate success, which could create disappointment or shame when things don't **turn out** as well as they've hoped. The workplace can also be a source of shock due to an unexpected work culture or a competitive environment that is completely different from the academic world. Furthermore, the fear of making mistakes can negatively affect young workers, preventing their growth and reducing their self-confidence. Lastly, the demands of a full-time job with new responsibilities can result in burnout, which makes **them** exhausted.

To deal with those challenges, it is essential for new graduates to adopt a realistic mindset and seek mentorship. By proactively dealing with the obstacles, young graduates can navigate their first jobs with less stress and greater potential for success.

39. Which of the following could be the best title for the text?

- A Young Workers: Common Mistakes and Effects
B Young Workers: Work Pressure and Solutions
C Young Workers: Job Challenges and Solutions
D Young Workers: Unexpected Challenges and Advantages

40. The word **advancement** in paragraph 2 is opposite in meaning to

- A progress B promotion C decrease D security

41. The phrase **turn out** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A end up B call off C break down D bring up

42. The word **them** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A responsibilities B demands C workers D mistakes

43. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?

- A The young workers could be disappointed if they have false expectations.
B Some young graduates might find the new workplace shocking.
C Too many responsibilities can be exhausting to young graduates.
D With appropriate mentorship, young graduates can climb up the career ladder quickly.

Read the text and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

Stephen William Hawking (1942-2018) was a famous physicist, cosmologist and great author. Despite suffering from physical disabilities, he overcame lots of obstacles to become a great scientist.

Born as a healthy child in Oxford, England, Stephen had a normal childhood. Despite having low grades in most subjects at school, he dreamt of going to university. Years later, he **realised his dream** with a first-class Bachelor's degree in Physics at Oxford University and then pursued a PhD in Cosmology at Cambridge University.

Unfortunately, by the time he completed his PhD in 1966, he had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a kind of neurological disease that made him unable to use his muscles the same as normal people. Despite his severe physical disabilities, Stephen managed to fulfil his ambitions and significantly contributed to modern science. In 1974, Stephen proposed that black holes emit radiation, which is now known as Hawking radiation, a groundbreaking idea that challenged other existing theories. Being unable to write or speak properly, Stephen had to speak through a portable computer that was **modified** to fit his wheelchair. That computer helped him write lots of books, one of which was "A Brief

"History of Time" published in 1988, which featured scientific concepts of the universe. Stephen also appeared on lots of TV programmes, explaining complicated concepts to TV viewers in simple ways, which made him popular outside his academic community.

One of the greatest lessons that people can learn from Hawking might be his will to survive. A disabled person diagnosed with ALS was thought to be able to survive another 4 years, but Stephen managed to survive for 55 years, which was beyond doctors' expectations. Some of **them** couldn't explain that miracle. He left lots of thought-provoking quotations, one of which was "My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you from doing well, and don't regret the things it **interferes with**. Don't be disabled in spirit as well as physically." Stephen's legacy will live on for the ages.

44. Which of the following could be the best title for the text?
- A The Valuable Books of Stephen Hawking
 - B The Extraordinary Life of Stephen Hawking
 - C The Unusual Disease of Stephen Hawking
 - D The Unique Contributions of Stephen Hawking
45. The phrase **realised his dream** in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.
- A understood what he desired
 - B overcame his huge obstacle
 - C obtained what he had always wanted
 - D recognised his hidden talents
46. The word **modified** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A adapted
 - B produced
 - C promoted
 - D completed
47. The word **them** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.
- A expectations
 - B doctors
 - C lessons
 - D quotations
48. The phrase **interferes with** in paragraph 4 is opposite in meaning to _____.
- A supports
 - B prohibits
 - C fails
 - D loses
49. According to the text, Hawking became popular outside his academic community when _____.
- A. he obtained a PhD at Cambridge University
 - B. his first book was published
 - C. he explained complicated concepts on TV
 - D. he survived ALS for 55 years
50. Which of the following can be **inferred** from the text?
- A Stephen was an excellent student at school.
 - B He wrote books using a computer that he had created.
 - C He had obtained his PhD before he was diagnosed with ALS.
 - D He managed to become one of the best students at Oxford University.

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