

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 - 2).

Question 1:           A. coughed                   B. washed                   C. closed                   D. increased

Question 2:           A. pity                   B. tiny                   C. hidden                   D. forbid

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 - 4).

Question 3:           A. attract                   B. robot                   C. human                   D. fiction

Question 4:           A. employment           B. dangerous           C. dependent           D. discover

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions (5 - 19).

Question 5: The teacher had the students \_\_\_\_\_ an essay on the positive and negative effects that modern technology has on children.

A. to write                   B. wrote                   C. write                   D. writing

Question 6: She had butterflies in her stomach \_\_\_\_\_ having prepared carefully for the interview.

A. although                   B. due to                   C. despite                   D. because

Question 7: As we walked past, we saw John \_\_\_\_\_ his car.

A. repairing                   B. to be repairing                   C. repair                   D. being repairing

Question 8: If Tom \_\_\_\_\_ a bit more ambitious, he would have found himself a better job years ago.

A. had been                   B. is                   C. were                   D. was

Question 9: Buy me something to drink, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. aren't you                   B. won't you                   C. don't you                   D. will you

Question 10: As soon as the taxi \_\_\_\_\_, we will be able to leave for the airport.

A. arrives                   B. arrive                   C. will arrive                   D. arrived

Question 11: Many of the pictures \_\_\_\_\_ from outer space are presently on display in the public library.

A. sending                   B. sent



A. refined

B. contaminated

C. destroyed

D. poisoned

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges (24 - 25).**

**Question 24:** Two friends, Peter and Linda, are talking about pets.

- Peter: "Well, cats are very good at catching mice around the house."

- Linda: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. Nothing more to say

C. Yes, I hope so

B. You can say that again

D. No, dogs are good, too

**Question 25:** Two friends, Nam and Lan are talking about the topic of lifelong learning

- Nam: "Would you like to register for an online course on extensive reading?"

- Lan: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. Online course are really popular these days.

B. Yes, I'd love to. How can I register?

C. We should improve our extensive reading.

D. Extensive reading courses are available online.

**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 (26 - 30).**

Vietnam's football team received a "rock-star" welcome in Hanoi yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ losing to Uzbekistan in the 2018 U23 Asian Championship Final. Thousand of supporters flocked to the streets from Noi Bai Airport to Hanoi's city center to greet the team bus, \_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnamese PM's reception for the team by five hours. A home-coming celebration was also held at My Ding National Stadium, where all 40,000 seats were filled with thousands more waiting outside to see the players. Their \_\_\_\_\_ at the U23 Asian Cup made the players "overnight celebrities in the football-crazy nation", *AFP* wrote. Various Korean outlets, including *Korea Times*, *Sportal Korea* and *Hani*, have also expressed amazement at the way football fans have celebrated their national team's achievement, and at the same time, hailed the team's performance at the tournament \_\_\_\_\_ "heroic" and "like a fairy tale".

According to *Sportal Korea*, the team made an "impressive achievement" at the Asian tournament. "The red flags were being waved everywhere on the streets, and the cheering went on until late," *Hani* wrote. The *Korea Times* also added that Vietnam's success at the Asian Cup had brought Vietnamese football and Korean football "closer". More importantly, it is the success \_\_\_\_\_ unites the country on so many levels.

**Question 26:**

A. although

B. because

C. because of

D. despite

- Question 27:**      A. delaying              B. delays              C. delayed              D. to delayed
- Question 28:**      A. sucession              B. sucess              C. sucesses              D. succeeding
- Question 29:**      A. like              B. similar              C. as              D. same
- Question 30:**      A. what              B. who              C. that              D. when

*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 (31 - 35).*

Though overwhelmed by the news of the **novel** coronavirus outbreak, Munyaradzi Gurure, the 21-year-old student at Guangxi University of Finance and Economics from South Africa, has still stepped out to serve as a volunteer in the train station to help battle the epidemic. “I’m well aware that the situation of epidemic prevention and control is very severe,” he said. “Seeing that many people actively joined in the fight, I also want to do my part and volunteer at the station.” With the number of novel coronavirus cases continuing to rise both in and outside of China, Gurure’s family back in South Africa was very worried about his health, and hoped he would quit the volunteer job. “I told my parents that China has taken a lot of strong quarantine measures and is actually safe,” he said. “I want to do whatever I can to prevent the spread of the infection. The country has taken really good care of me during the last three years. Now it’s my turn.”

Working about four hours a day, Gurure either carries an 8-kilogram electric sprayer to disinfect the waiting room or checks passengers’ temperature as soon as **they** walk into the station. He also makes sure people are in good health and wear masks at all times. Though it’s not easy work, Gurure came across many Chinese who were very surprised to see a foreign face, but then gave a thumbs up and said “very good” to him in Chinese. This encourages him to keep up the challenging work. Gurure’s foreign classmates found out about his volunteer job and sent messages saying “good job”, some showing interest in joining him to help curb the spread of the virus.

**Question 31:** Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Foreign Volunteer in China                      C. Economics Suffers due to Virus
- B. Comradeship between Countries              D. Self-quarantine is Awareness

**Question 32:** The word “**novel**” in paragraph 1 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. futuristic              B. unorthodox              C. inventive              D. unknown

**Question 33:** According to paragraph 2, what is NOT one of the reasons for Gurure’s volunteering?

- A. He wants to restrict the impact area of the disease.
- B. He feels that it is his turn to repay the country’s kindness.
- C. He understands that the job is actually not dangerous.
- D. He is motivated by the number of people participating.

**Question 34:** The word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Chinese                      B. passengers                      C. parents                      D. volunteers

**Question 35:** According to paragraph 3, why did the author mention other people’s reaction to Gurure’s volunteering?

- A. To illustrate their admiration for Gurure’s actions of kindness amidst crisis  
B. To show that it is what encourages him to keep up the challenging work  
C. To demonstrate that people in modern age no longer have xenophobia  
D. To compare different ways of expressing gratitude between nationalities

*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 (36 - 42).*

The oceans are so vast and deep that until fairly recently, it was widely assumed that no matter how much trash and chemicals humans dumped into them, the effects would be **negligible**. Proponents of dumping in the oceans even had a catchphrase: “The solution to pollution is dilution.”

“Today, we need look no further than the New Jersey-size dead zone that forms each summer in the Mississippi River Delta, or the thousand-mile-wide swath of decomposing plastic in the northern Pacific Ocean to see that this “dilution” policy has helped place a once flourishing ocean ecosystem on the brink of collapse.

There is evidence that the oceans have suffered at the hands of mankind for millennia. But recent studies show that degradation, particularly of shoreline areas, has accelerated dramatically in the past three centuries as industrial discharge and run-off from farms and coastal cities have increased.

Pollution is the introduction of harmful contaminants that are outside the norm for a given ecosystem. Common man-made pollutants reaching the oceans include pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, detergents, oil, sewage, plastics, and other solids. Many of these pollutants collect at the ocean's depths, where **they** are consumed by small marine organisms and introduced into the global food chain.

Many ocean pollutants are released into the environment far upstream from coastlines. Nitrogen-rich fertilizers applied by farmers inland, for example, end up in local streams, rivers, and groundwater and are eventually deposited in estuaries, bays, and deltas. These excess nutrients can **spawn** massive blooms of algae that rob the water of oxygen, leaving areas where little or no marine life can exist.

Solid wastes like bags, foam, and other items dumped into the oceans from land or by ships at sea are frequently consumed, with often fatal effects, by marine mammals, fish, and birds that mistake them for food. Discarded fishing nets drift for many years, ensnaring fish and mammals. In certain regions, ocean currents corral trillions of decomposing plastic items and other trash into gigantic,

swirling garbage patches. One in the North Pacific, known as the Pacific Trash Vortex, is estimated to be the size of Texas.

Pollution is not always physical. In large bodies of water, sound waves can carry undiminished for miles. The increased presence of loud or persistent sounds from ships, sonar devices, oil rigs, and even from natural sources like earthquakes can disrupt the migration, communication, and reproduction patterns of many marine animals, particularly aquatic mammals like whales and dolphins.

(Source: <http://www.oceannationalgeographic.com>)

**Question 36:** What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Various kinds of harmful pollutants
- B. Marine pollution and its many forms
- C. Noise and its disruptive effects on marine life
- D. The end of the "dilution" era

**Question 37:** The word "**negligible**" in paragraph 1 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. serious
- B. positive
- C. unpredictable
- D. insignificant

**Question 38:** The word "**they**" in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. marine organisms
- B. man-made pollutants
- C. the oceans
- D. ocean's depth

**Question 39:** The word "**spawn**" in paragraph 5 can be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. appear
- B. prevent
- C. limit
- D. produce

**Question 40:** According to the passage, nitrogen-rich fertilizers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. do not relate to the disappearance of marine life
- B. are created by massive blooms of algae
- C. cause a shortage of oxygen in the ocean water
- D. cannot be found in land

**Question 41:** Which of the following statements is NOT supported in the passage?

- A. Industrial wastes and agricultural run-off are blamed for the degradation of the oceans.
- B. It is apparent that the oceans have been polluted for a long time.
- C. The oceans in the past were more contaminated than they are now.
- D. Many pollutants deposited in the oceans finally become part of the global food chain.

**Question 42:** Whales and dolphins are mentioned in the final paragraph as an example of marine creatures that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. suffer from loud or persistent sounds at sea
- B. can communicate with each other via sound waves
- C. can survive earthquakes because of their large bodies
- D. are forced to migrate because of water pollution

*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 (43 - 45).*

**Question 43:** Helen, as well as her friends, have never been out of town since they were five years old.

**Question 44:** Food prices have raised so rapidly in the past few months that some families have been forced to alter their eating habits .

**Question 45:** Students suppose to read all the questions carefully and find out the answers to them.

*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 (46 - 48).*

**Question 46:** "How beautiful is the dress you have just bought!" Peter said to Mary.

- A. Peter asked Mary how she had just bought her beautiful dress.
- B. Peter promised to buy Mary a beautiful dress.
- C. Peter said thanks to Mary for her beautiful dress.
- D. Peter complimented Mary on her beautiful dress.

**Question 47:** As soon as he arrived at the airport, he called home.

- A. No sooner had he arrived at the airport than he called home.
- B. He arrived at the airport sooner than he had expected.
- C. Calling home, he said that he had arrived at the airport.
- D. He arrived at the airport and called me to take him home.

**Question 48:** Kevin put up a fence so that people didn't walk on his garden.

- A. Kevin put up a fence because he wants to remind people to walk on his garden.
- B. Kevin put up a fence to prevent people from walking on his garden.
- C. In order to tell people to walk on his garden, Kevin put up a fence.
- D. So as to encourage people to walk on his garden, Kevin put up a fence.

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions (49 - 50).*

**Question 49:** The workers finished their work. They left for home.

- A. Before the workers finished their work, they left for home.
- B. Having finished their work, the workers left for home.
- C. By the time the workers finished their work, they had left for home.
- D. The workers left home since they finished their work.

**Question 50:** he film was not interesting. However, he tried to watch the whole of it.

- A. In spite of the film uninteresting, he tried to watch the whole of it.

- B.** Uninteresting as the film was, he tried to watch the whole of it.
- C.** Despite of uninteresting film, he tried to watch the whole of it.
- D.** Uninteresting as was the film, he tried to watch the whole of it.