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Global Icons 2025 – People Who Inspire the World

The Global Icons 2025 Ceremony, taking place in Singapore this November, aims to honor individuals (1) _____ contributions have changed millions of lives. This year's theme, "Leading with Heart", focuses on people who use their fame for social good.

Among the winners is Vietnamese singer Le Mai, well-known for her charity concerts (2) _____ to raise funds for underprivileged children. Her performances combine talent and compassion, showing that art can truly make a difference.

Organizers hope the event will (3) _____ young people to follow their passions and help others. Every story shared on stage is carefully (4) _____ to remind audiences that success means more than wealth or power.

The ceremony will also include workshops on leadership and creativity, offering a (5) _____ activities to engage future changemakers. These inspiring individuals prove that even small acts of kindness can (6) _____ a big impact on the world.

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| Question 1. A. who | B. whose | C. that | D. whom |
| Question 2. A. are organizing | B. to organize | C. being organized | D. organizing |
| Question 3. A. motivate | B. motivation | C. motivated | D. motivating |
| Question 4. A. selected | B. selecting | C. to select | D. selection |
| Question 5. A. total of | B. deal with | C. number of | D. range of |
| Question 6. A. have | B. take | C. make | D. bring |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

The development of smart cities relies heavily on green transportation systems that use advanced technology to improve mobility and reduce pollution. Electric buses, solar-powered stations, and shared bicycles are now

common in many major cities. Artificial intelligence (AI) manages traffic flow by analysing real-time data from sensors, cameras, and GPS signals. This allows the system to adjust traffic lights automatically and **prevent** congestion before it happens, making transportation both faster and cleaner.

Electric vehicles (EVs) are another crucial part of this transformation. Modern EVs are connected to digital platforms that monitor battery health, route efficiency, and driver habits. **The collected data helps manufacturers design better models and enables drivers to plan the most energy-saving routes**. Governments also use this information to identify areas that need more charging stations, encouraging people to switch from fossil-fuel vehicles.

One major concern, however, is data privacy. As smart transport systems collect huge amounts of user information, protecting **that** from misuse is **vital**. Some cities use blockchain technology to secure digital records, ensuring that every data entry is transparent and cannot be changed. This builds public trust and helps authorities detect fraud or system errors quickly.

Beyond the local level, international cooperation also plays a key role. Shared databases and research projects between countries allow engineers to learn from successful models, predict traffic challenges, and design new eco-friendly transport solutions for the future.

Question 7. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in paragraph 1 as a source of real-time data?

- A. sensors B. cameras C. weather reports D. GPS signals

Question 8. The word “**prevent**” in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. cause B. avoid C. predict D. limit

Question 9. The word “**vital**” in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. essential B. necessary C. unimportant D. major

Question 10. The word “**that**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. technology B. data privacy C. information D. blockchain

Question 11. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Both manufacturers and drivers benefit from data that improves design and reduces energy use.
B. Only manufacturers can use the collected data to produce new energy-saving vehicles.
C. The data is mainly gathered to reduce the number of drivers using energy-wasting routes.
D. Drivers help manufacturers by collecting data for designing cheaper electric vehicles.

Question 12. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to paragraph 4?

- A. Engineers design eco-friendly transport solutions based only on local data.
B. Shared projects among countries promote better transport planning.
C. Cooperation across borders has slowed down smart transport innovation.
D. Traffic prediction relies mainly on government funding.

Question 13. Which paragraph mentions the protection of users' personal information?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Question 14. Which paragraph mentions a system that automatically reacts to traffic changes?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions.

Question 15.

- a. I used to eat fast food every day, but I've recently switched to cooking at home.
- b. That's great! Have you noticed any difference since you changed your diet?
- c. Yes, I feel more energetic and have even lost some weight.
- d. Congratulations! Home-cooked meals are always healthier.
- e. I'm trying to live a healthier lifestyle these days.

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

Question 16.

- a. The city has launched a new public bike system to reduce air pollution.
- b. That's a smart move! It can also help people stay fit.
- c. Exactly. More people cycling means fewer cars on the road.
- d. True. I hope they build more bike lanes soon.
- e. Have you heard about the city's latest environmental project?

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

Question 17.

- a. Volunteering abroad has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.
- b. I joined a program that helps build schools in rural areas.
- c. That sounds amazing! What inspired you to do that?
- d. I've always wanted to make a positive impact and learn about new cultures.
- e. It must have taught you a lot about teamwork and patience.

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

Question 18.

- a. Yes, I think it's worth investing in a cleaner and greener future.
- b. I'm planning to switch to renewable energy for my house.
- c. That's a great idea! Solar panels can really cut down electricity bills.

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

Question 19.

- a. Spending time in nature helps me relax after a stressful week.

- b. I usually go hiking in the nearby national park on weekends.
- c. That sounds wonderful! I wish I had more free time to do that.
- d. You should try it sometime. It really clears your mind.
- e. I completely agree. Being outdoors is good for both body and soul.

A. b-a-c-d-e

B. a-b-c-e-d

C. a-b-c-d-e

D. b-a-d-e-c

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The rise of remote work has given birth to a new lifestyle: the digital nomad. These are professionals who perform their jobs online while constantly moving between cities or countries. For many, the lifestyle symbolises freedom and self-reliance. However, behind the Instagram-perfect images of laptops by the beach lies a complicated reality. True flexibility requires stable Internet access, financial discipline, and mental resilience qualities often romanticised but seldom discussed.

Companies, too, have discovered both benefits and drawbacks of employing remote teams scattered across time zones. On the one hand, firms gain access to a global talent pool, save on office rent, and enhance employee satisfaction. On the other hand, coordination becomes difficult, and maintaining team culture without face-to-face contact is challenging. [I] Some employers therefore adopt "digital surveillance," using software to monitor workers' keystrokes or screen activity—an approach that raises **ethical** concerns about privacy and trust.

This new culture has also transformed tourism. Cities from Lisbon to Bali now advertise co-working spaces, high-speed Wi-Fi, and short-term visas designed for nomads. The influx of remote workers boosts local economies but also pushes up housing prices, sometimes displacing residents. [II] Economists warn that such "nomad ghettos" may deepen inequality between foreigners and locals, especially in developing nations where salaries differ greatly.

While the future of work will likely remain hybrid, experts caution against assuming that mobility equals happiness. Constant travel can blur the line between leisure and labour, leading to burnout. **True freedom, they argue, lies not in endless movement but in the ability to choose stability when desired.** [III] If remote work is to be genuinely sustainable, it must balance flexibility with fairness for both employees and the communities they inhabit. [IV]

Question 20. According to paragraph 1, the digital nomad lifestyle _____.

- A. allows professionals to disconnect completely from work pressure
- B. requires strong personal management and adaptability
- C. ensures constant access to luxurious travel experiences
- D. discourages people from pursuing financial independence

Question 21. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 1?

- A. The digital nomad lifestyle promises freedom but also involves hidden difficulties.

- B. The digital nomad lifestyle provides an ideal balance between work and leisure.
- C. Digital nomads enjoy financial stability thanks to modern remote jobs.
- D. Online work has entirely replaced traditional office culture.

Question 22. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a benefit of remote work for companies?

- A. increased employee happiness
- B. reduced operational costs
- C. wider recruitment opportunities
- D. simplified coordination between departments

Question 23. The word “ethical” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. practical
- B. moral
- C. financial
- D. logical

Question 24. The word “they” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. experts
- B. workers
- C. economists
- D. communities

Question 25. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. The freedom that comes from being able to remain in one place when needed is more genuine than constant travel.
- B. The more one travels, the more freedom and stability one can achieve in life.
- C. Stability and mobility are equally important forms of freedom, according to most travellers.
- D. Choosing to move constantly from one place to another guarantees true happiness.

Question 26. According to paragraph 3, cities benefit from digital nomads because they _____.

- A. attract investment from multinational corporations
- B. gain additional income through tourism and services
- C. keep property prices affordable for local residents
- D. promote equal income levels between citizens and foreigners

Question 27. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Digital nomads usually prioritise leisure over productivity.
- B. Employers' surveillance software has successfully eliminated ethical concerns.
- C. The popularity of remote work has created both new opportunities and new inequalities.
- D. Most developing countries restrict nomads from staying long-term.

Question 28. Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Still, many companies continue to view remote work as a temporary experiment rather than a permanent shift.

- A. [I]
- B. [II]
- C. [III]
- D. [IV]

Question 29. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Digital nomads represent a growing trend that eliminates inequality and promotes cultural harmony.
- B. The flexibility of remote work offers only short-term happiness and should be discouraged.
- C. The rise of remote work threatens global tourism and weakens community bonds permanently.
- D. Remote work has evolved into a complex global culture that demands balance between freedom, fairness, and

stability.

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In the past decade, the number of students choosing to study online has grown rapidly. Some are attracted by the flexibility of digital education, while others see it as a cheaper and more convenient option. Yet, like all forms of learning, online education carries certain risks—technical issues, lack of motivation, or (30) _____.

Many learners appreciate the independence it provides, (31) _____. Some, in fact, struggle to stay focused and disciplined without direct supervision. Clearly, the ability to manage time and maintain self-motivation will be a key factor. (32) _____. Students who prefer structured environments may feel lost or unsupported in virtual classrooms. (33) _____. Some people remain reluctant to enrol in online courses because they doubt the credibility of digital certificates or fear being misled by unverified programs. This hesitation may stem from (34) _____, that online learning cannot fully replace traditional classroom experience.

Question 30.

- A. to be uncertain about learning outcomes
- B. uncertain the learning outcomes being
- C. being uncertain about the learning outcomes
- D. to uncertainty about learning outcomes

Question 31.

- A. so the presence of freedom does not in itself ensure easier learning
- B. and the presence of freedom itself ensures effective learning
- C. for the freedom in itself to ensure more effective learning
- D. though the presence of freedom does ensure effective learning

Question 32.

- A. As a result, people are far less likely to study alone than to study in classrooms
- B. People, by contrast, will be far less comfortable studying alone than in physical classrooms
- C. Similarly, people will prefer classroom study to online learning in all cases
- D. However, people who enjoy independence will still choose traditional study environments

Question 33.

- A. Students also choose their courses with the matter of trust
- B. Trust is also chosen by students when they take their courses
- C. The way students choose their courses is trusted also
- D. Trust is also a factor in how students choose their courses

Question 34.

- A. the belief that digital learning lacks human interaction
- B. the suspect about lacking human interaction in digital learning

- C. believing digital learning is lack human interaction
 - D. the thought of lacking interaction digitally

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Staying Healthy in a Busy World

Many people claim they are too busy to stay fit, but it's often a matter (35) _____ choosing the right habits. Even small steps—like walking to work or stretching during breaks—can make a difference. You can monitor your progress using a smartwatch (36) _____ simply a notebook. Take every chance to do such simple activities as carrying (37) _____ or cycling short distances instead of driving. Invite friends and (38) _____ colleagues to join lunchtime walks, and try (39) _____ everyone's motivation by sharing your results online—it may inspire others to do the same!

Finally, reward yourself with something enjoyable if your plan brings (40) _____ results to keep your motivation high.

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