

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 1.**

- a. After completing my degree in social work, I began working as a social worker and have been doing it for almost five years now.
- b. My advice to anyone who is considering a career in social work is to have a strong support system in place and take care of yourself mentally and physically.
- c. It can be emotionally challenging at times, but the reward of seeing people's lives change for the better is what keeps me motivated to work hard every day.
- d. I have always been passionate about helping others in my community.
- e. I always try to make a positive difference in someone's life, no matter how small it may be. Knowing that I am able to make a positive impact on someone's life makes me feel good.

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

**Question 2.**

- a. **Sam:** In fact, I am. After listening to you, I feel as though I won't have any problems assimilating there.
- b. **Tom:** Yes, that's the idea. They have laws that protect and promote different cultures. Are you considering studying there too?
- c. **Sam:** Are you still considering studying in Canada?
- d. **Sam:** I see. It looks as if foreigners feel they are part of the society.
- e. **Tom:** Yes. I'm learning that immigrants feel rather welcome there.

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

**Question 3.**

- a. **Debbie:** It was cloudy every day, but it didn't rain.
- b. **Peter:** Really? It was lovely and sunny on our holiday in Spain.
- c. **Peter:** What was the weather like in Portugal, Debbie?

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

**Question 4.**

- a. Urbanization is rapidly replacing parks with buildings, which threatens air quality and animal habitats.
- b. Additionally, we advocate for new laws to protect existing parks. You can support us through donations or

volunteering.

- c. If you want to volunteer or donate money to Park Protectors, visit [www.parkprotectors.com](http://www.parkprotectors.com) to learn more and join our mission to save parks and wildlife.
- d. Park Protectors is an environmental charity working in over 15 countries to create and preserve parks for both people and animals.
- e. We run campaigns to protect these green spaces: one focuses on fundraising to build new parks, and another organizes protests against companies planning to develop on parkland.

A. d-e-b-c-a

B. d-a-e-b-c

C. d-b-a-e-c

D. d-c-a-b-e

**Question 5.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

- a. I am writing to enquire about a visit to your youth hostel in Bristol.
- b. Please tell me whether you have beds available for those dates.
- c. Although I have read about the city on the internet, I'd love to hear any tips for places to visit in the city.
- d. I'll be travelling to Bristol with three mates from school and we're planning to stay for seven nights between 10 and 17 August.
- e. I look forward to getting an answer from you in due course so that we can finalise the details of our visit.

Yours faithfully, Hazel Jones.

A. c-a-d-b-e

B. d-b-a-c-e

C. b-e-a-d-c

D. a-d-b-c-e

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 6 to 10.**

Wearable technology has rapidly evolved over the last decade, (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Devices like smartwatches and fitness trackers have become increasingly popular, providing users with easy access to information about their health and daily activities. One of the earliest and most iconic wearable devices, the Fitbit, launched in 2009, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and introduced a new way of tracking physical activity.

Today, wearables are not limited to fitness alone, they have expanded to include smart clothing, augmented reality glasses, and even medical devices that monitor vital signs.

Recognizing the potential to reshape healthcare, communication, and personal data access, (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, wearable devices collect vast amounts of data, which can help individuals make healthier lifestyle choices and alert them to potential health issues. (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

In the future, wearable technology is expected to become even more integrated into our lives. (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 6.**

- A. bringing about a revolution in personal fitness and health awareness
- B. the revolution in personal fitness and health awareness can be brought about

- C. has brought about a revolution in personal fitness and health awareness
- D. of which the revolution in personal fitness and health awareness can be brought about

**Question 7.**

- A. which achieved instant success among fitness enthusiasts worldwide
- B. having become an instant success among fitness enthusiasts worldwide
- C. became an instant success among fitness enthusiasts worldwide
- D. that had its instant success captured by fitness enthusiasts worldwide

**Question 8.**

- A. investments by companies such as Apple, Google, and Samsung have propelled the advancements in wearable technology
- B. companies like Apple, Google, and Samsung have invested heavily in developing wearable technology
- C. wearable technology has made companies like Apple, Google, and Samsung support it
- D. the development of wearable technology has made advancements for companies like Apple, Google, and Samsung

**Question 9.**

- A. Using wearable devices to provide insights from the collected data, health monitoring systems were created
- B. These devices prioritize entertainment features over health-related issues
- C. The insights provided by these devices remain useless to most users
- D. This plays an important role in monitoring their health regularly and preventing fatal diseases

**Question 10.**

- A. Although advances in wearable technology could shift consumer interests away, they also open up opportunities for new industries to emerge
- B. The wearable device market will likely reduce in the coming years so that manufacturers can focus on improving other devices
- C. The traditional values are being reexamined while modern ones gain popularity through digital platforms
- D. The trend is expanding into new sectors with promising applications, allowing for real-time health monitoring and more interactive experiences in areas like education and entertainment

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 11 to 16.

**POST-FLOOD SAFETY IN CENTRAL AND CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONS**

Floodwaters in the Central and Central Highlands regions have started to recede; (11) \_\_\_\_\_, many

serious risks still remain. Recent heavy rain (12) \_\_\_\_\_ deep flooding, landslides, and damage to several residential areas. Unstable soil and high water levels in rivers and streams (13) \_\_\_\_\_ lead to new landslides or sudden flooding.

Please adhere to these urgent guidelines (14) \_\_\_\_\_ your safety:

- Stay away from slopes, riverbanks, and areas showing cracks or signs of ground movement.
- Do not cross flooded roads or bridges as fast-moving water can sweep vehicles away.
- Follow official updates (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and move to safer places if instructed.
- Remain alert, protect your household, and cooperate with local authorities. Your awareness and prompt action (16) \_\_\_\_\_ essential to avoid further danger.

**Question 11.** A. therefore      B. moreover      C. otherwise      D. however

**Question 12.** A. made      B. set      C. caused      D. moved

**Question 13.** A. may      B. should      C. need      D. must

**Question 14.** A. for      B. with      C. to      D. by

**Question 15.** A. closely      B. heavily      C. strictly      D. shortly

**Question 16.** A. are      B. is      C. were      D. was

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 17 to 22.

### A Lullaby of Flowers and Mountain Wind

#### *Discover Putaleng Peak*

Putaleng, Vietnam's third-highest mountain, is a perfect escape for travellers (17) \_\_\_\_\_ want to get away from busy city life. Starting in Si Thau Chai village, the trail (18) \_\_\_\_\_ through cool forests, singing streams and slopes covered with bright rhododendrons. Hikers often say the climb is tough, but the views are worth their (19) \_\_\_\_\_ in gold.

Along the path, you can enjoy the (20) \_\_\_\_\_ scent of snowbell flowers and rest at small huts hidden among the trees. Near the summit, clouds drift like soft waves, making you (21) \_\_\_\_\_ as if you're walking in a floating garden.

Whether you go to wind down or to challenge yourself, Putaleng offers a peaceful journey filled with flowers, mountain wind and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ moments.

**Question 17.** A. who      B. whose      C. whom      D. which

**Question 18.** A. gets on      B. leads up      C. moves on      D. picks up

- Question 19.** A. pull      B. way      C. weight      D. pack
- Question 20.** A. fair      B. deep      C. sweet      D. smooth
- Question 21.** A. feel      B. feeling      C. felt      D. to feel
- Question 22.** A. unforgettable      B. forgetfully      C. forgetful      D. unforgettably

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 23 to 32.**

China's private tutoring sector is experiencing a cautious but noticeable revival three years after the government's sweeping "double reduction" campaign sharply curtailed after-school education services. According to executives, parents, and analysts interviewed by Reuters, regulators are now adopting a more flexible stance. There has been no formal acknowledgement of a change in policy. But there is now tacit consent from policymakers to allow the tutoring industry to grow. This more permissive environment appears to align with the government's broader economic priorities, especially its need to stimulate job creation and stabilize a flagging economy.

[I] Tutoring companies are once again advertising in-person and online classes, recruiting teachers, and receiving more consistent regulatory guidance. [II] New instructions from national ministries specify which types of off-campus training are permissible, with a particular focus on non-core subjects such as arts, sports, and general thinking skills. [III] Simultaneously, inspections have become less aggressive, and communication between companies and local officials has improved, shifting from punitive measures to a more compliance-oriented approach. [IV]

Importantly, the industry's reappearance is not solely the result of easing regulations. Throughout the crackdown, tutoring never fully disappeared. Many providers adapted by redesigning their courses, operating under adjusted subject labels, shifting to individualized formats, or targeting extracurricular fields that remained legal. Parents, particularly in major cities, continued to seek supplementary education because academic pressure and university competition persisted. This acted as a quiet current beneath the surface, supporting the sector even during its most restricted period.

Even with renewed growth, the industry's recovery remains tightly controlled. Officials maintain that tutoring must not reproduce high-pressure academic environments or impose heavy financial burdens on families. As a result, companies must expand carefully to avoid triggering renewed scrutiny. Analysts note that the government views the regulated revival as potentially useful for addressing youth unemployment and supporting innovation in the broader education sector. Consequently, China's private tutoring industry appears to be entering a new phase characterized by measured growth, clearer oversight, and continued negotiation between market needs and state expectations.

**Question 23.** The word "curtailed" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. facilitated      B. constrained      C. intensified      D. mitigated

**Question 24.** What leads to the government's changing attitude toward tutoring companies?

- A. Evidence that previous regulations lacked effectiveness
- B. The opposition from individuals supporting this industry
- C. Pressure from tutoring businesses expanding operation
- D. An effort to stabilise the country's economic challenges

**Question 25.** Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. National ministries have specified permitted subjects for off-campus tutoring to guide companies and avoid regulatory issues.
- B. Tutoring companies are resuming operation with guidance from authorities and inspections emphasising adherence to regulations.
- C. The sector shows reopening signs through clearer instructions, renewed hiring, and advertising, which reflects companies' permissible activities.
- D. Companies expand gradually by balancing their demand with regulatory boundaries and adjusting operations to meet official rules.

**Question 26.** Why did tutoring companies redesign their courses?

- A. To replace academic subjects with extracurricular activities
- B. To create alternative versions to fit within regulations
- C. To provide more individualized contents for their learners
- D. To gradually include practical subjects in the syllabus

**Question 27.** The word "its" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. sector      B. restricted period      C. quiet current      D. surface

**Question 28.** Why must tutoring companies be cautious about growing their business?

- A. Because the financial cost to run their companies might become a burden
- B. Because their operation may impose even more academic pressure on students
- C. Because missteps could cause regulators to reintroduce strict measures
- D. Because public demand for tutoring is expected to fluctuate significantly

**Question 29.** Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

*Clear signs of reopening have emerged across the sector.*

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

**Question 30.** Which of the following best paraphrase the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?

- A. Policymakers' opinions are divided on whether to advocate the expansion of private tutoring.
- B. Policymakers quietly permit the tutoring sector to expand without publicly showing approval.
- C. The rapid growth of tutoring companies can be ascribed, in part, to policymakers' endorsement.
- D. Tutoring services are developing rapidly, which forces policymakers to relax their regulations.

**Question 31.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The substantial growth of private tutoring firms will inevitably lead to a return of high-pressure academic environments nationwide.
- B. Strong and persistent demand from parents for tutoring has caused policymakers to abandon the “double reduction” initiative.
- C. Private tutoring companies are able to develop quickly under less strict oversight, however the risk of regulation still remains.
- D. The government’s regulatory approach balances market demand and social control, showing a strategy of measured intervention.

**Question 32.** Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. China’s tutoring industry rapidly rebounds with few restrictions, as regulators fully reverse earlier limits and encourage fast expansion.
- B. China’s private tutoring sector is gradually reviving with cautious expansion under careful regulatory oversight after strict government restrictions.
- C. Tutoring companies are slowly recovering with cautious strategies, balancing parental demand and evolving government guidance.
- D. Private tutoring firms are resuming activities under partially clarified rules, while authorities maintain some oversight and monitoring.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 33 to 40.**

The world is producing plastic at an explosive rate. Since 1960, plastics production has surged almost 100-fold. By one measure, the weight of all plastic ever produced is now greater than all land and marine animals combined. On top of that, more than half of plastic products are designed to be used only once, according to the United Nations. Think hotel shampoo mini-bottles, single-use tooth-flossing picks, all those at-home Covid tests.

And once discarded, plastic hangs around for centuries, breaking into ever smaller particles that spread far and wide and can carry toxic substances. These microplastics have been found in drinking water, in table salt, in rainfall, and, recently, in human blood.

Underpinning the surge has been the abundant global supply of oil and gas, the raw materials for plastics. As the world tries to combat climate change by burning fewer fossil fuels, plastic is set to become an increasingly important business for oil and gas companies. Producing the plastic itself creates planet-warming greenhouse gases and other pollutants. In 2015, plastics created 4.5 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, one recent study estimated, or more than all the world’s airplanes combined.

Plastic makers have promoted recycling as a way to justify continued production, said Carroll

Muffett, who heads the Center for International Environmental Law. “But in reality, only a tiny fraction of those plastics are economically recyclable,” he said. “You can’t recycle your way out of this problem.”

**Question 33.** Which of the following is NOT MENTIONED in paragraph 1 as examples of plastic products?

- A. hotel shampoo mini-bottles
- B. at-home Covid tests
- C. shopping bags
- D. tooth-flossing picks

**Question 34.** The word “discarded” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. thrown away
- B. set off
- C. taken up
- D. turned down

**Question 35.** Which of the following sentences best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. The dwindling supply of oil and gas for plastic manufacturing has worried people worldwide.
- B. The rapid growth in plastic production is greatly facilitated by the easy access to oil and gas.
- C. The increasing use of raw materials to produce plastics is attributable to their attractive price.
- D. Global plastic consumption has led to the large-scale exploitation of fossil fuel resources.

**Question 36.** The word “itself” in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. gas
- B. business
- C. oil
- D. plastic

**Question 37.** The word “tiny” in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. substantial
- B. magnificent
- C. negligible
- D. ordinary

**Question 38.** Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The total weight of all plastic produced until now is enormous.
- B. In 2015, plastics emitted more greenhouse gases than all airplanes.
- C. Plastic companies are trying to cut their production via recycling.
- D. Harmful plastic particles can be found in various environments.

**Question 39.** Which paragraph emphasises the urgency of finding better solutions?

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

**Question 40.** Which paragraph contains a reference to the environmental persistence of plastic?

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

**THE END**