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Số báo danh: .....

**Mã đề thi 409**

**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 1 to 7.**

Los Angeles dancer, Brian Perez, was eating out with his friends one evening when suddenly everyone went quiet. To his horror, he saw that the reason for this was that people were checking their phones. Realising he had to do something to stop this, Brian made a rather daring suggestion. What if they all put their gadgets in a pile in the middle of the table until they had finished the meal? If anyone picked up their phone, that person would have to pay the whole bill. And so, it is said, the game of 'phone stacking' was born.

The necessity for action like this **highlights** a major problem in today's society: our inability to disconnect from technology. But while Brian's idea deals with the obsession in a social context, measures also need to be taken at home. Some people drop their smartphones into a box the moment they arrive home, which gives them the chance to interact with the people they live with. The fact that the phone cannot be heard (it is on silent) nor seen (the flashing lights are hidden by the box) means that they are no longer tempted to use **it**.

A less **drastic** solution is to ban electronic devices at certain times of day when the whole family is likely to be together, for example at meal times. This can be hard for everyone, from teenagers desperate to text friends to parents unable to switch off from work. On a normal day, however, dinner takes less than an hour, and the benefits of exchanging opinions and anecdotes with the rest of the family certainly makes up for the time spent offline.

Taking a break from technology is one thing, but knowing when to turn off a device is another. Time seems to stand still in the virtual world, and before you know it, you find that it is three o'clock in the morning. This is where a digital curfew comes in handy - a set time when all devices must be put away. Evenings without technology are usually nice and peaceful and make a more agreeable end to the day.

And then it's time for bed. One of the best ways of ensuring you can sleep at night is to ban electronic devices altogether from the bedroom. Lying next to a machine bursting with information is far from relaxing, and the sounds it emits during the night can easily wake you up. With technology out of the room, a line has been drawn between daytime and sleep time, which enables us to switch off ourselves and drift off to sleep.

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**Question 1.** Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Addiction to Technology: Storm in a Teacup.
- B. Getting Rid of Your Mobiles: For Better or Worse?
- C. Shocking News: Technology Shapes Our Mind!
- D. Too Much Dependence on Technology: Time for Change!

**Question 2.** According to paragraph 1, Brian Perez was shocked to find that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the prices for food were too expensive
- B. people were glued to their phones
- C. people were willing to remove all their gadgets
- D. everyone seemed quiet by nature

**Question 3.** The word **highlights** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. tackles
- B. expects
- C. emphasizes
- D. proposes

**Question 4.** The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the light
- B. the fact
- C. the phone
- D. the box

**Question 5.** The word **drastic** in paragraph 3 can be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. simple
- B. effective
- C. important
- D. severe

**Question 6.** Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**, according to the passage?

- A. Brian's idea is new in terms of making people less dependent on technology.
- B. Meal times are the most suitable for the whole family to use phones together.
- C. Teenagers and their parents alike can find it hard to have their phones banned.
- D. People choose not to use their phones at home so that they can talk to other members.

**Question 7.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Having a conversation at dinner definitely strengthens the bonds among family members.
- B. Using electronic gadgets at bedtime is likely to deprive yourself of having a good sleep.

- C. People are more pleasant to talk with when they use technology in the evenings.  
D. The line between daytime and sleep time has become increasingly blurred.

**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.**

- Question 8.** A. return                      B. happy                      C. reason                      D. open  
**Question 9.** A. attention                      B. motivate                      C. important                      D. romantic

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.**

- Question 10.** My father's salary is not big, but it's adequate for the needs of our family.  
A. scarce                      B. unacceptable                      C. sufficient                      D. incapable  
**Question 11.** There was no food in the refrigerator, so I had to visit the grocery store to replenish our supplies.  
A. renovate                      B. install                      C. refill                      D. purify

**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.**

- Question 12.** She always tries to be the centre of attention. Her colleagues don't like her.  
A. If she didn't always try to be the centre of attention, her colleagues would like her.  
B. If only she tries to be the centre of attention.  
C. I wish she wouldn't like her colleagues more to be the centre of attention.  
D. If only she had tried to be the centre of attention.  
**Question 13.** Brian had just left his backpack unzipped. All his books fell out of it.  
A. On no condition did Brian leave his backpack unzipped because all his books fell out of it.  
B. No sooner had all the books fell out of the backpack than Brian left it unzipped.  
C. Not until all the books had fallen out of the backpack did Brian leave it unzipped.  
D. Hardly had Brian left his backpack unzipped when all his books fell out of it.

**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 14 to 18.**

Situated on the central coast of Vietnam, which is famous for many beautiful beaches, Lang Co Beach, since June 2009, has become an official member of the "World's most beautiful bays" club. Today, it is a popular destination for tourists in Vietnam, especially for those who love beach so much. With the length of approximately 10 kilometres, Lang Co Beach is next to the National Highway 1A and near Hai Van Pass.

Lying on the most beautiful curve of the country, Lang Co has almost everything that the nature can offer: green mountains and tropical forests, smooth white sand, full of sunshine and cool, blue and clear sea as crystal, and the average temperature of 25°C in summer. It is an attractive destination for both domestic and international tourists in Vietnam.

It can be said that nobody can resist a natural beauty like Lang Co town. This small and peaceful town will give tourists the most relaxing time and many games at the beach. In addition, they will have good time to enjoy the seafood with various kinds of shrimps, lobster, crab, butter-fish, mackerel fish, oysters, etc. and not far from the beach are some attractions such as Lang Co fishing village, Chan May scenery.

Lying on the "Central Heritage Road", Lang Co is very close to other famous attractions such as the Imperial City of Hue, Hoi An Ancient Town, Son Tra Peninsula where the famous Son Tra Natural Reserve and beautiful beaches are located, and so many more.

- Question 14.** What is the main idea of the passage?  
A. Lang Co – A Famous Tourist Attraction.                      B. Lang Co Town's Seafood.  
C. The History of Lang Co.                      D. Central Coast of Vietnam.

- Question 15.** Lang Co beach is located \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. under Hai Van Pass                      B. on the most beautiful curve of Vietnam  
C. 10 kilometres away from Hue                      D. between Hoi An Ancient Town and Son Tra Peninsula

- Question 16.** The word "offer" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. take                      B. provide                      C. tell                      D. get

- Question 17.** The word "they" in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tourists                      B. beaches                      C. beautiful bays                      D. kinds of seafood

- Question 18.** According to paragraph 3, all of the following are attractions of Lang Co Beach EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. humid climate in sub-tropical forests                      B. smooth white sand, and full of sunshine

C. cool, blue and clear sea as crystal

D. the ideal climate in summer

**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.**

**Question 19.** A. species

B. cartoon

C. indicate

D. connect

**Question 20.** A. memory

B. sense

C. desire

D. tend

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

**Question 21.** I last listened to these songs when I was a student.

A. I have listened to these songs since I was a student.

B. I listened to these songs since I was a student.

C. I didn't hear these songs when I was a student.

D. I haven't listened to these songs since I was a student.

**Question 22.** "What ingredients do you need to make this cake, Mum?" said the daughter.

A. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients she needs to make that cake.

B. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients she needed to make that cake.

C. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients does she need to make that cake.

D. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients did she need to make that cake.

**Question 23.** It's important that students consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

A. Students mustn't consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

B. Students needn't consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

C. Students may consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

D. Students should consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

**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 from 24 to 28.**

### The three Rs

Rubbish, and how we choose to (24) \_\_\_\_\_ it, affects the environment and everything around us, including the air, water, land, plants and man-made things. We need a healthy environment for our health, so we can understand why effective management of rubbish is important. Everyone needs to learn about and practice the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – to make our world a safe and healthy place.

First, we must buy and use less and we should choose items (25) \_\_\_\_\_ are with minimal packaging. Second, we should reuse things as much as possible and (26) \_\_\_\_\_ items on to others who can use them when they are no longer of use to us. Finally, we should recycle everything once its usefulness is over so they can be made into new items. Making new items from recycled ones takes less energy and fewer resources than making products from brand-new materials.

Just about anything that cannot be reused can be recycled into something else. You'd be amazed what can be done with a recycled product! (27) \_\_\_\_\_, a recycled plastic bottle can be made into hundreds of other plastic goods that can be used for (28) \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**Question 24.** A. handle

B. deal

C. accept

D. cope

**Question 25.** A. who

B. they

C. which

D. whose

**Question 26.** A. give

B. pass

C. deliver

D. send

**Question 27.** A. However

B. Since

C. Although

D. For example

**Question 28.** A. every

B. each

C. many

D. much

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

**Question 29.** Jean and Tom are talking about education programmes.

-Jane: "I think educators should teach their students to care about the environment and keep it clean."

-Tom: "\_\_\_\_\_. Students should be actively involved in preserving the environment."

A. Don't say anything about it

B. That's not completely true

C. I disagree with you

D. I couldn't agree more

**Question 30.** Mary is talking to a porter in the hotel lobby.

- Porter: "Shall I help you with your suitcase?"

- Mary: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. I can't agree more.

B. Not a chance.

C. That's very kind of you.

D. What a pity!

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 45.**

- Question 31.** Your exam results are satisfactory, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. isn't it                      B. aren't they                      C. are they                      D. is it
- Question 32.** The new sports centre \_\_\_\_\_ by the mayor as soon as it is completed.  
 A. will be opened                      B. was opening                      C. opens                      D. will open
- Question 33.** We have always had to \_\_\_\_\_ extra staff at Christmas.  
 A. take over                      B. take up                      C. take on                      D. take in
- Question 34.** Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ too fast when the accident happened.  
 A. was driving                      B. drives                      C. is driving                      D. drove
- Question 35.** Life in mountainous areas is \_\_\_\_\_ than that in the city.  
 A. more difficult                      B. the most difficult                      C. difficult                      D. most difficult
- Question 36.** They said I'd be on \_\_\_\_\_ for the first two or three weeks as they want to find out about my skills.  
 A. inspection                      B. examination                      C. probation                      D. testing
- Question 37.** Light pollution at night can \_\_\_\_\_ us awake and disrupt our sleep patterns.  
 A. stay                      B. maintain                      C. hold                      D. keep
- Question 38.** Thanks goodness, I finally managed \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.  
 A. solving                      B. to solving                      C. solve                      D. to solve
- Question 39.** Of course, he didn't win the lottery! He was only \_\_\_\_\_ your leg.  
 A. making                      B. pulling                      C. taking                      D. getting
- Question 40.** If you want antibiotics, you'll have to ask the doctor for a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. recipe                      B. note                      C. receipt                      D. prescription
- Question 41.** The recipe \_\_\_\_\_ by the chef is a closely guarded secret and has made them famous.  
 A. creating                      B. creates                      C. is creating                      D. created
- Question 42.** The lift won't start \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. before you will press that button                      B. after you had pressed that button  
 C. until you press that button                      D. when you pressed that button
- Question 43.** We should use \_\_\_\_\_ electronic devices responsibly to have their benefits exploited to the fullest extent.  
 A. the                      B. a                      C. Ø (zero article)                      D. an
- Question 44.** One \_\_\_\_\_ method for keeping our mind active is doing crossword puzzles.  
 A. popularity                      B. popular                      C. popularize                      D. popularly
- Question 45.** We're particularly proud \_\_\_\_\_ our company's environmental record.  
 A. of                      B. with                      C. at                      D. from

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

- Question 46.** It is important to maintain the culture of your country because it reflects your national identity.  
 A. continue                      B. preserve                      C. protect                      D. abandon
- Question 47.** The pay rise is supposed to be a secret, but everyone knows about it. Clearly someone has spilled the beans.  
 A. revealed the secret                      B. changed the plan  
 C. kept the secret                      D. broken the promise

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.**

- Question 48.** The earth is the only planet with a large amount of oxygen in their atmosphere.  
 A. oxygen                      B. their                      C. the                      D. amount
- Question 49.** Several people are injured in an explosion at a factory yesterday.  
 A. Several                      B. are injured                      C. factory                      D. an
- Question 50.** We were fobbed off and told that requests of this kind were imprudent and very abusive languages were used.  
 A. off                      B. imprudent                      C. were fobbed                      D. abusive

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