

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.

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 1.** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A.** The History of Lang Co.  
**B.** Lang Co Town's Seafood.  
**C.** Lang Co – A Famous Tourist Attraction.  
**D.** Central Coast of Vietnam.

**Question 2.** Lang Co beach is located \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.** on the most beautiful curve of Vietnam  
**B.** between Hoi An Ancient Town and Son Tra Peninsula  
**C.** 10 kilometres away from Hue  
**D.** under Hai Van Pass

**Question 3.** The word “offer” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. get**                      **B. provide**                      **C. take**                      **D. tell**

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

- A.** kinds of seafood      **B.** beautiful bays      **C.** tourists      **D.** beaches

**Question 5.** According to paragraph 3, all of the following are attractions of Lang Co Beach EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.** the ideal climate in summer  
**B.** cool, blue and clear sea as crystal  
**C.** smooth white sand, and full of sunshine  
**D.** humid climate in sub-tropical forests

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

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

- Mary: “ ”

- A.** What a pity!  
**C.** I can't agree more.
- B.** That's very kind of you.  
**D.** Not a chance.

**Question 7.** 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.** That's not completely true  
**B.** Don't say anything about it  
**C.** I couldn't agree more  
**D.** I disagree with you

*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 8.** We were fobbed off and told that requests of this kind were imprudent and very abusive languages were used.

- A. off                                      B. abusive                                      C. imprudent                                      D. were fobbed

**Question 9.** The earth is the only planet with a large amount of oxygen in their atmosphere.

- A. their                                      B. amount                                      C. the                                      D. oxygen

**Question 10.** Several people are injured in an explosion at a factory yesterday.

- A. are injured                                      B. an                                      C. Several                                      D. factory

*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 11.** It is important to maintain the culture of your country because it reflects your national identity.

- A. preserve                                      B. protect                                      C. abandon                                      D. continue

**Question 12.** The pay rise is supposed to be a secret, but everyone knows about it. Clearly someone has spilled the beans.

- A. broken the promise                                      B. changed the plan                                      C. revealed the secret                                      D. kept the secret

*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 13.** A. romantic                                      B. motivate                                      C. important                                      D. attention

**Question 14.** A. reason                                      B. open                                      C. return                                      D. happy

*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 15.** A. sense                                      B. tend                                      C. memory                                      D. desire

**Question 16.** A. species                                      B. cartoon                                      C. indicate                                      D. connect

*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 17.** 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 may consult their parents when choosing their future careers.  
C. Students needn't consult their parents when choosing their future careers.  
D. Students should consult their parents when choosing their future careers.

**Question 18.** "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 did she need to make that cake.  
C. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients she needed to make that cake.  
D. The daughter asked her mum what ingredients does she need to make that cake.

**Question 19.** I last listened to these songs when I was a student.

- A. I haven't listened to these songs since I was a student.  
B. I didn't hear these songs when I was a student.  
C. I listened to these songs since I was a student.  
D. I have listened to these songs since I was a student.

*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 20.** My father's salary is not big, but it's adequate for the needs of our family.

- A. scarce                                      B. sufficient                                      C. unacceptable                                      D. incapable

**Question 21.** There was no food in the refrigerator, so I had to visit the grocery store to replenish our supplies.

- A. refill                                      B. purify                                      C. install                                      D. renovate

*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 22.** She always tries to be the centre of attention. Her colleagues don't like her.

- A. If only she had tried to be the centre of attention.  
B. I wish she wouldn't like her colleagues more to be the centre of attention.  
C. If she didn't always try to be the centre of attention, her colleagues would like her.  
D. If only she tries to be the centre of attention.

**Question 23.** Brian had just left his backpack unzipped. All his books fell out of it.

- A. Not until all the books had fallen out of the backpack did Brian leave it unzipped.

- B. Hardly had Brian left his backpack unzipped when all his books fell out of it.  
 C. No sooner had all the books fell out of the backpack than Brian left it unzipped.  
 D. On no condition did Brian leave his backpack unzipped because all his books fell out of it.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 24 to 38.**

- Question 24.** We're particularly proud \_\_\_\_\_ our company's environmental record.  
 A. from                                      B. with                                      C. at                                      D. of
- Question 25.** Thanks goodness, I finally managed \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.  
 A. to solve                                      B. solving                                      C. solve                                      D. to solving
- Question 26.** We have always had to \_\_\_\_\_ extra staff at Christmas.  
 A. take over                                      B. take on                                      C. take up                                      D. take in
- Question 27.** The recipe \_\_\_\_\_ by the chef is a closely guarded secret and has made them famous.  
 A. creating                                      B. is creating                                      C. creates                                      D. created
- Question 28.** Your exam results are satisfactory, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. isn't it                                      B. is it                                      C. aren't they                                      D. are they
- Question 29.** 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 30.** The new sports centre \_\_\_\_\_ by the mayor as soon as it is completed.  
 A. will open                                      B. was opening                                      C. opens                                      D. will be opened
- Question 31.** One \_\_\_\_\_ method for keeping our mind active is doing crossword puzzles.  
 A. popular                                      B. popularly                                      C. popularity                                      D. popularize
- Question 32.** Life in mountainous areas is \_\_\_\_\_ than that in the city.  
 A. more difficult                                      B. most difficult                                      C. difficult                                      D. the most difficult
- Question 33.** We should use \_\_\_\_\_ electronic devices responsibly to have their benefits exploited to the fullest extent.  
 A. an                                      B. a                                      C. Ø (zero article)                                      D. the
- Question 34.** Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ too fast when the accident happened.  
 A. is driving                                      B. drove                                      C. drives                                      D. was driving
- Question 35.** Light pollution at night can \_\_\_\_\_ us awake and disrupt our sleep patterns.  
 A. stay                                      B. keep                                      C. maintain                                      D. hold
- Question 36.** Of course, he didn't win the lottery! He was only \_\_\_\_\_ your leg.  
 A. getting                                      B. making                                      C. pulling                                      D. taking
- Question 37.** If you want antibiotics, you'll have to ask the doctor for a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. receipt                                      B. note                                      C. prescription                                      D. recipe
- Question 38.** The lift won't start \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. after you had pressed that button                                      B. when you pressed that button  
 C. until you press that button                                      D. before you will press that button

**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 39 to 43.**

### The three Rs

Rubbish, and how we choose to (39) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (40) \_\_\_\_\_ are with minimal packaging. Second, we should reuse things as much as possible and (41) \_\_\_\_\_ 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! (42) \_\_\_\_\_, a recycled plastic bottle can be made into hundreds of other plastic goods that can be used for (43) \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- Question 39.** A. accept                                      B. handle                                      C. cope                                      D. deal  
**Question 40.** A. whose                                      B. which                                      C. they                                      D. who  
**Question 41.** A. pass                                      B. send                                      C. give                                      D. deliver

- Question 42. A. For example      B. Although      C. However      D. Since  
 Question 43. A. much      B. each      C. every      D. many

**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 44 to 50.**

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 44.** Which best serves as the title for the passage?

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

**Question 45.** According to paragraph 1, Brian Perez was shocked to find that \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Question 46.** The word **highlights** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Question 47.** The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Question 48.** The word **drastic** in paragraph 3 can be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Question 49.** Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**, according to the passage?

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

**Question 50.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Using electronic gadgets at bedtime is likely to deprive yourself of having a good sleep.  
 B. The line between daytime and sleep time has become increasingly blurred.  
 C. Having a conversation at dinner definitely strengthens the bonds among family members.  
 D. People are more pleasant to talk with when they use technology in the evenings.

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