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- A. move to safer places
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- C. take preventive measures
- D. call for relief supplies

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- A. The center of a growing storm is known as its eye.
- B. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are difficult to forecast.
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- D. Tropical cyclone predictions depend entirely on computer assistance.

Question 42: Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?

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- B. Tropical Cyclones
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Question 46: A. on B. of C. to D. with

Question 47: A. by B. like C. through D. as

Question 48: A. bring B. do C. take D. play

Question 49: A. case B. profit C. benefit D. goal

Question 50: A. lose B. gain C. put D. reduce

Question 51: A. initial B. initiative C. initiating D. initiate

Question 52: A. Additionally B. Furthermore C. Nonetheless D. Consequently

Question 53: A. More than B. In spite of C. Rather than D. In addition to

Question 54: A. what B. which C. why D. where

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The concept of urban agriculture may conjure up images of rooftop, backyard or community gardens scattered among downtown city streets and surrounding neighborhoods. But in the Seattle area, and within and beyond the Puget Sound region, it means a great deal more. "Urban agriculture doesn't necessarily equate to production that occurs only in a metropolitan urban area," says Jason Niebler, who directs the Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGe) Initiative at Seattle Central Community College. "It means we are providing for growing population food needs from surrounding rural landscapes, as well as from the core urban landscape."

Picture a series of **concentric** circles, with an urban core that produces some food at varying capacities, surrounded by a series of outlying rings of small farms that become increasingly more rural with distance. The hope is that such land use planning, from the inner core to the outer rings, will encourage local ecologically sound sustainable food production. This, in turn, will create local jobs and decrease reliance on distant food products that originate from petroleum-intensive large scale farms.

That's the idea behind SAGe, believed to be the nation's first metropolitan-based community college sustainable agriculture program that emphasizes farming practices across diverse landscape types from urban

centers to surrounding rural environs. "It's small scale agriculture with an urban focus," Niebler says. "Any urban population, large or small, can practice sustainable agriculture, improve food security and protect the environment, which ultimately results in resilient food systems and communities."

SAgE is a part of the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program, which is providing the project with \$157,375 over two years. ATE's goal is to support projects that strengthen the skills of technicians who work in industries regarded as vital to the nation's prosperity and security. The support largely goes to community colleges that work **in partnership with** universities, secondary schools, businesses and industries, as well as government agencies, which design and implement model workforce initiatives.

The SAgE project focuses on the environmental, socioeconomic, political and cultural issues related to sustainable food systems within Puget Sound watersheds through student and community education and research, and technological innovation. The curriculum offers courses that cover such issues as agricultural ecology, urban food systems, food politics and ethics, soil science, sustainable food production and technology, the integration of food and forests, and career opportunities.

"We've created a curriculum that is fundamental in nature, addressing the principles of sustainable agriculture and what a food system is – how it functions both locally and globally," Niebler says. "These courses are challenging, robust and inspirational. One of the really wonderful things about **them** is that we offer service learning opportunities, where students volunteer a portion of their time to working with local partner organizations. They can do a research project, or a service learning option. The ideal would be to prompt students into careers that involve sustainable practices in an urban agriculture setting."

Adapted from "Promoting Sustainable Agriculture" by Marlene Cimonis

Question 55: It is stated in the passage that Jason Niebler _____.

- A. preserves the core urban landscape
- B. provides food for Seattle's population
- C. studies at Seattle Central Community College
- D. directs the SAgE Initiative

Question 56: It can be inferred from the passage that the conventional idea of urban agriculture _____.

- A. focuses mainly on agriculture within and beyond the Puget Sound region
- B. aims at food production and consumption in both rural and urban regions
- C. is associated with production only in metropolitan urban areas
- D. concerns with food production in any city's surrounding areas

Question 57: The word "**concentric**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. coming from different places
- B. having the same size
- C. going in different directions
- D. having the same center

Question 58: Which of the following is supposed to be an outcome of the SAgE's new land use planning?

- A. Dependence on distant food products
- B. Increased food production in large scale farms
- C. Employment opportunities for local residents
- D. Modernized farming practices in rural environs

Question 59: The phrase "**in partnership with**" in paragraph 4 probably means _____.

- A. together with
- B. in addition to
- C. in place of
- D. instead of

Question 60: The curriculum of SAgE at Seattle Central Community College offers courses covering the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. agricultural ecology
- B. career opportunities
- C. urban system development
- D. integration of food and forests

Question 61: In Niebler's opinion, the courses offered by the SAgE project are _____.

- A. functional but impractical
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Question 62: The word "**them**" in paragraph 6 refers to _____.

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Question 63: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

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- B. The SAgE project alone will offer students sufficient jobs in urban agriculture.
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Question 64: Which of the following best describes the author's tone in the passage?

- A. Skeptical
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SECTION B (2 points)

I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. Write your answers in complete sentences on your answer sheet.

Question 1: He now regrets that he didn't take the doctor's advice.

He now wishes _____.

Question 2: "I'm sorry. I didn't do the homework," Peter said to the teacher.

Peter apologised _____.

Question 3: I'm sure that he didn't attend the Conference on Wildlife Protection yesterday.

He can't _____.

Question 4: She didn't pass the exam because of her serious illness.

Had she not _____.

Question 5: Ms Betty is proud of her singing.

Ms Betty prides _____.

II. In about 140 words, write a paragraph about the benefits of knowing how to swim. Write your paragraph on your answer sheet.

The following prompts might be helpful to you.

- Keeping fit
- Relaxing
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C. construct a bridge

D. increase the understanding

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A. rejected

B. sacked

C. reviewed

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A. obtaining

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Though called by sweet-sounding names like Firinga or Katrina, tropical cyclones are huge rotating storms 200 to 2,000 kilometers wide with winds that blow at speeds of more than 100 kilometers per hour (kph). Weather professionals know them as tropical cyclones, but **they** are called hurricanes in the Caribbean Sea, typhoons in the Pacific Ocean, and cyclones in the Indian Ocean. They occur in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Large ones have destroyed cities and killed hundreds of thousands of people.

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Most deaths in tropical cyclones are caused by storm surge. This is a rise in sea level, sometimes seven meters or more, caused by the storm pushing against the ocean's surface. Storm surge was to blame for the flooding of New Orleans in 2005. The storm surge of Cyclone Nargis in 2008 in Myanmar pushed seawater nearly four meters deep some 40 kilometers inland, resulting in many deaths.

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Adapted from "Reading Explorer 2" by Paul MacIntyre

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- A. more than 100 kph
- B. less than 100 kph
- C. at least 200 kph
- D. no less than 200 kph

Question 34: The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

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- B. wind speeds
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THE DANGERS OF DIETING

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Adapted from "Active Skills for Reading: Book 3" by Neil J. Anderson

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He can't _____.

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The following prompts might be helpful to you.

- Keeping fit
- Relaxing
- Surviving/Saving people's lives

_____ **THE END** _____

Họ và tên thí sinh:.....

Số báo danh:.....

SECTION A (8 points)

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.

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A. have never seen

B. would never see

C. had never seen

D. never see

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A. Although

B. Despite

C. Because

D. However

Question 8: This part of the country is famous _____ its beautiful landscapes and fine cuisine.

A. of

B. about

C. for

D. with

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A. which grows

B. that grown

C. grown

D. are grown

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A. surfed

B. surfing

C. to surf

D. surf

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A. run

B. make

C. do

D. take

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A. wouldn't solve

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A. isn't it

B. does it

C. doesn't it

D. is it

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C. audience

D. viewers

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A. quite well established by the age of five

B. by the age of five and quite well established

C. by the age of five it is quite well established

D. well established quite by the age of five

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A. hand in

B. show up

C. fill out

D. pass over

Question 17: The US president Barack Obama _____ an official visit to Vietnam in May 2016, which is of great significance to the comprehensive bilateral partnership.

A. paid

B. offered

C. delivered

D. gave

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- A. on B. up C. in D. about

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- A. pave the way for B. take hold of C. get rid of D. make room for

Question 20: Two close friends Tom and Kyle are talking about Kyle's upcoming birthday. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.

- Tom: "Can I bring a friend to your birthday party?"

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- A. It's my honour. B. The more the merrier.
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- A B C D

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- A B C D

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- A B C
D

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- A B
C D

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_____ **THE END** _____

Họ và tên thí sinh:.....

Số báo danh:.....

SECTION A (8 points)

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 1: A. brush B. culture C. campus D. justice

Question 2: A. imports B. maintains C. laughs D. drops

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 3: A. maximum B. inflation C. character D. appalicant

Question 4: A. biography B. admirable C. compulsory D. currriculum

Question 5: A. struggle B. confide C. anxious D. comfort

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

Question 6: In a modern family, the husband is expected to join hands with his wife to _____ the household chores.

A. do B. run C. take D. make

Question 7: Most teenagers enjoy _____ the Internet for information and entertainment.

A. to surf B. surf C. surfed D. surfing

Question 8: It is raining heavily with rolls of thunder. We _____ such a terrible thunderstorm.

A. never see B. would never see C. had never seen D. have never seen

Question 9: This part of the country is famous _____ its beautiful landscapes and fine cuisine.

A. about B. for C. of D. with

Question 10: _____ they are delicious, hamburgers and French fries are too high in fat.

A. Despite B. Because C. However D. Although

Question 11: Without your help, I _____ the technical problem with my computer the other day.

A. wouldn't solve B. can't solve C. couldn't have solved D. could solve

Question 12: In the wake of increasing food poisoning, many consumers have turned to vegetables _____ organically.

A. are grown B. that grown C. grown D. which grows

Question 13: Canned food is not as healthy as fresh food, _____?

A. is it B. isn't it C. does it D. doesn't it

Question 14: Two close friends Tom and Kyle are talking about Kyle's upcoming birthday. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.

- Tom: "Can I bring a friend to your birthday party?"

- Kyle: "_____"

A. Let's do it then. B. It's my honour.
C. That's right. D. The more the merrier.

Question 15: Most psychologists agree that the basic structure of an individual's personality is _____.

A. well established quite by the age of five
B. by the age of five it is quite well established
C. by the age of five and quite well established
D. quite well established by the age of five

Question 16: A waiter in a restaurant is talking to a customer who has just finished his meal there. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.

- Waiter: "Here's your bill, sir."

- Customer: "_____"

A. Don't mention it.

B. You're welcome.

C. Can I pay by credit card?

D. What do you have?

Question 17: She took a course in fine arts _____ starting her own business in interior design.

A. in order to

B. in terms of

C. with reference to

D. with a view to

Question 18: The firefighters' single-minded devotion to the rescue of the victims of the fire was _____.

A. respecting

B. respective

C. respectable

D. respectful

Question 19: Candidates are requested to _____ the form to the admissions officer by July 25th.

A. show up

B. hand in

C. fill out

D. pass over

Question 20: All the _____ in the stadium applauded the winner of the marathon when he crossed the finishing line.

A. spectators

B. audience

C. watchers

D. viewers

Question 21: The table in the living room should be moved to _____ the new TV set.

A. make room for

B. get rid of

C. take hold of

D. pave the way for

Question 22: The US president Barack Obama _____ an official visit to Vietnam in May 2016, which is of great significance to the comprehensive bilateral partnership.

A. paid

B. delivered

C. offered

D. gave

Question 23: The university administrations are introducing new measures to _____ that the enrolment process runs smoothly.

A. improve

B. facilitate

C. maintain

D. ensure

Question 24: The Government has brought _____ a new law in an effort to prevent further environmental deterioration.

A. in

B. on

C. about

D. up

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

Question 25: Not until all their demands had been turned down did the workers decide to go on strike for more welfare.

A. deleted

B. rejected

C. reviewed

D. sacked

Question 26: The overall aim of the book is to help bridge the gap between theory and practice, particularly in language teaching.

A. reduce the differences

B. increase the understanding

C. minimise the limitations

D. construct a bridge

Question 27: Environmentalists appeal to the government to enact laws to stop factories from discharging toxic chemicals into the sea.

A. releasing

B. dismissing

C. producing

D. obtaining

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 28: According to most doctors, massage relieves pain and anxiety, eases depression and

A

B

speeding up recovery from illnesses.

C

D

Question 29: New sources of energy have been looking for as the number of fossil fuels continues to decrease.

A

B

C

D

Question 30: The science of medicine, which progress has been very rapid lately, is perhaps the most

A

B

C

important of all sciences.

D

Question 31: Because of bad weather conditions, it took the explorers three days reaching their destination.

A

B

C

D

Question 32: The longer the children waited in the long queue, the more impatiently they became.

A

B

C

D

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 33 to 42.

THE DANGERS OF DIETING

Thanks to our modern lifestyle, with more and more time spent sitting down in front of computers than ever before, the (33)_____ of overweight people is at a new high. As people frantically search for a solution (34)_____ this problem, they often try some of the popular fad diets being offered. Many people see fad diets (35)_____ harmless ways of losing weight, and they are grateful to have them. Unfortunately, not only don't fad diets usually (36)_____ the trick, they can actually be dangerous for your health.

Although permanent weight loss is the (37)_____, few are able to achieve it. Experts estimate that 95 percent of dieters return to their starting weight, or even (38)_____ weight. While the reckless use of fad diets can bring some (39)_____ results, long-term results are very rare.

(40)_____, people who are fed up with the difficulties of changing their eating habits often turn to fad diets. (41)_____ being moderate, fad diets involve extreme dietary changes. They advise eating only one type of food, or they prohibit other types of foods entirely. This results in a situation (42)_____ a person's body doesn't get all the vitamins and other things that it needs to stay healthy.

Adapted from "Active Skills for Reading: Book 3" by Neil J. Anderson

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Question 33: A. range | B. sum | C. number | D. amount |
| Question 34: A. of | B. on | C. with | D. to |
| Question 35: A. through | B. as | C. like | D. by |
| Question 36: A. take | B. play | C. do | D. bring |
| Question 37: A. goal | B. profit | C. case | D. benefit |
| Question 38: A. gain | B. lose | C. reduce | D. put |
| Question 39: A. initiate | B. initiative | C. initial | D. initiating |
| Question 40: A. Additionally | B. Consequently | C. Nonetheless | D. Furthermore |
| Question 41: A. In spite of | B. In addition to | C. More than | D. Rather than |
| Question 42: A. why | B. what | C. which | D. where |

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 43: It is widely known that the excessive use of pesticides is producing a detrimental effect on the local groundwater.

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| A. damaging | B. harmless | C. useless | D. fundamental |
|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------|

Question 44: His dreamlike villa in the new residential quarter is the envy of his friends.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. something that nobody wants | B. something that everybody looks for |
| C. something that nobody can afford | D. something that everybody dreams of |

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 45 to 54.

Though called by sweet-sounding names like Firinga or Katrina, tropical cyclones are huge rotating storms 200 to 2,000 kilometers wide with winds that blow at speeds of more than 100 kilometers per hour (kph). Weather professionals know them as tropical cyclones, but they are called hurricanes in the Caribbean Sea, typhoons in the Pacific Ocean, and cyclones in the Indian Ocean. They occur in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Large ones have destroyed cities and killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Tropical cyclones begin over water that is warmer than 27 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit) slightly north or south of the earth's equator. Warm, humid air full of water vapor moves upward. The earth's rotation causes the growing storm to start to rotate around its center (called the eye). At a certain height, the water vapor condenses, changing to liquid and releasing heat. The heat draws more air and water vapor upward, creating a cycle as air and water vapor rise and liquid water falls. If the cycle speeds up until winds reach 118 kilometers per hour, the storm qualifies as a tropical cyclone.

Most deaths in tropical cyclones are caused by storm surge. This is a rise in sea level, sometimes seven meters or more, caused by the storm pushing against the ocean's surface. Storm surge was to blame for the flooding of New Orleans in 2005. The storm surge of Cyclone Nargis in 2008 in Myanmar pushed seawater nearly four meters deep some 40 kilometers inland, resulting in many deaths.

It has never been easy to forecast a tropical cyclone accurately. The goal is to know when and where the next tropical cyclone will form. "And we can't really do that yet," says David Nolan, a weather researcher from the University of Miami. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are also difficult to predict, even with computer assistance. In fact, long-term forecasts are poor; small differences in the combination of weather factors lead to very different storms. More accurate forecasting could help people decide to **evacuate** when a storm is on the way.

Adapted from "Reading Explorer 2" by Paul MacIntyre

Question 45: As stated in paragraph 1, tropical cyclones are storms with winds blowing at speeds of _____.

- A. at least 200 kph
- B. no less than 200 kph
- C. less than 100 kph
- D. more than 100 kph

Question 46: The word "they" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. wind speeds
- B. sweet-sounding names
- C. tropical cyclones
- D. weather professionals

Question 47: According to the passage, tropical cyclones are called typhoons in _____.

- A. the Indian Ocean
- B. the Atlantic Ocean
- C. the Pacific Ocean
- D. the Arctic Ocean

Question 48: The word "humid" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. moist
- B. thin
- C. dry
- D. thick

Question 49: Which of the following comes first in the process of storm formation?

- A. Water vapor condenses.
- B. Warm, humid air moves upward.
- C. Liquid water falls.
- D. Wind speed reaches 118 kph.

Question 50: According to the passage, a storm surge is _____.

- A. a rise in sea level
- B. pushing seawater
- C. inland flooding
- D. a tropical cyclone

Question 51: What is true about the storm surge of Cyclone Nargis?

- A. It pushed seawater 4 kilometers inland.
- B. It caused flooding in New Orleans in 2005.
- C. It occurred in Myanmar in 2005.
- D. It took a very high death toll.

Question 52: The word "evacuate" in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. take preventive measures
- B. call for relief supplies
- C. move to safer places
- D. make accurate predictions

Question 53: Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. The center of a growing storm is known as its eye.
- B. Tropical cyclones are often given beautiful names.
- C. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are difficult to forecast.
- D. Tropical cyclone predictions depend entirely on computer assistance.

Question 54: Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?

- A. Cyclone Forecasting
- B. Tropical Cyclones
- C. Storm Surges
- D. Cyclone Formation

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 55 to 64.

The concept of urban agriculture may conjure up images of rooftop, backyard or community gardens scattered among downtown city streets and surrounding neighborhoods. But in the Seattle area, and within and beyond the Puget Sound region, it means a great deal more. "Urban agriculture doesn't necessarily equate to production that occurs only in a metropolitan urban area," says Jason Niebler, who directs the Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGe) Initiative at Seattle Central Community College. "It means we are providing for growing population food needs from surrounding rural landscapes, as well as from the core urban landscape."

Picture a series of **concentric** circles, with an urban core that produces some food at varying capacities, surrounded by a series of outlying rings of small farms that become increasingly more rural with distance. The hope is that such land use planning, from the inner core to the outer rings, will encourage local ecologically sound sustainable food production. This, in turn, will create local jobs and decrease reliance on distant food products that originate from petroleum-intensive large scale farms.

That's the idea behind SAGe, believed to be the nation's first metropolitan-based community college sustainable agriculture program that emphasizes farming practices across diverse landscape types from urban centers to surrounding rural environs. "It's small scale agriculture with an urban focus," Niebler says. "Any

urban population, large or small, can practice sustainable agriculture, improve food security and protect the environment, which ultimately results in resilient food systems and communities.”

SAgE is a part of the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program, which is providing the project with \$157,375 over two years. ATE’s goal is to support projects that strengthen the skills of technicians who work in industries regarded as vital to the nation’s prosperity and security. The support largely goes to community colleges that work **in partnership with** universities, secondary schools, businesses and industries, as well as government agencies, which design and implement model workforce initiatives.

The SAgE project focuses on the environmental, socioeconomic, political and cultural issues related to sustainable food systems within Puget Sound watersheds through student and community education and research, and technological innovation. The curriculum offers courses that cover such issues as agricultural ecology, urban food systems, food politics and ethics, soil science, sustainable food production and technology, the integration of food and forests, and career opportunities.

“We’ve created a curriculum that is fundamental in nature, addressing the principles of sustainable agriculture and what a food system is – how it functions both locally and globally,” Niebler says. “These courses are challenging, robust and inspirational. One of the really wonderful things about **them** is that we offer service learning opportunities, where students volunteer a portion of their time to working with local partner organizations. They can do a research project, or a service learning option. The ideal would be to prompt students into careers that involve sustainable practices in an urban agriculture setting.”

Adapted from “Promoting Sustainable Agriculture” by Marlene Cimonis

Question 55: It is stated in the passage that Jason Niebler _____.

- A. preserves the core urban landscape
- B. studies at Seattle Central Community College
- C. directs the SAgE Initiative
- D. provides food for Seattle’s population

Question 56: It can be inferred from the passage that the conventional idea of urban agriculture _____.

- A. is associated with production only in metropolitan urban areas
- B. aims at food production and consumption in both rural and urban regions
- C. concerns with food production in any city’s surrounding areas
- D. focuses mainly on agriculture within and beyond the Puget Sound region

Question 57: The word “**concentric**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. going in different directions
- B. having the same size
- C. having the same center
- D. coming from different places

Question 58: Which of the following is supposed to be an outcome of the SAgE’s new land use planning?

- A. Modernized farming practices in rural environs
- B. Employment opportunities for local residents
- C. Increased food production in large scale farms
- D. Dependence on distant food products

Question 59: The phrase “**in partnership with**” in paragraph 4 probably means _____.

- A. in addition to
- B. in place of
- C. together with
- D. instead of

Question 60: The curriculum of SAgE at Seattle Central Community College offers courses covering the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. career opportunities
- B. urban system development
- C. integration of food and forests
- D. agricultural ecology

Question 61: In Niebler’s opinion, the courses offered by the SAgE project are _____.

- A. hard but encouraging
- B. challenging and costly
- C. functional but impractical
- D. robust but unpromising

Question 62: The word “**them**” in paragraph 6 refers to _____.

- A. courses
- B. opportunities
- C. principles
- D. students

Question 63: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Resilient food systems can be attributed to sustainable agricultural practices.
- B. The curriculum that the SAgE project designs is fundamental in nature.
- C. ATE helps to improve the skills of technicians in the nation’s major industries.
- D. The SAgE project alone will offer students sufficient jobs in urban agriculture.

Question 64: Which of the following best describes the author’s tone in the passage?

- A. Provocative
- B. Supportive
- C. Satirical
- D. Skeptical

SECTION B (2 points)

I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. Write your answers in complete sentences on your answer sheet.

Question 1: He now regrets that he didn't take the doctor's advice.

He now wishes _____.

Question 2: "I'm sorry. I didn't do the homework," Peter said to the teacher.

Peter apologised _____.

Question 3: I'm sure that he didn't attend the Conference on Wildlife Protection yesterday.

He can't _____.

Question 4: She didn't pass the exam because of her serious illness.

Had she not _____.

Question 5: Ms Betty is proud of her singing.

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Câu hỏi	Mã đề thi					
	168	259	415	642	852	975
1	C	D	D	A	A	C
2	B	A	A	A	D	B
3	A	B	C	C	A	B
4	D	B	D	A	C	B
5	C	D	C	C	A	B
6	B	C	C	A	A	A
7	C	B	D	B	A	D
8	A	C	B	B	C	D
9	B	C	B	A	C	B
10	C	A	A	C	B	D
11	B	B	D	D	C	C
12	D	D	D	B	C	C
13	A	D	D	D	D	A
14	B	A	A	A	A	D
15	B	A	A	B	A	D
16	A	B	D	B	A	C
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20	B	C	A	B	B	A
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23	D	B	D	B	C	D
24	D	C	C	D	D	A
25	A	A	D	C	B	B
26	A	C	B	D	D	A
27	B	D	B	B	B	A
28	D	C	D	D	C	C
29	D	D	C	B	D	B
30	C	B	A	C	C	B
31	B	D	A	D	A	D
32	B	B	B	B	D	D
33	A	C	A	A	A	C
34	C	D	C	B	C	D
35	D	D	C	D	B	B
36	A	A	A	B	C	C
37	B	B	B	D	B	A
38	A	D	C	C	A	A
39	A	D	B	C	B	C
40	A	D	D	C	A	C

Câu hỏi	Mã đề thi					
	168	259	415	642	852	975
41	D	A	A	A	B	D
42	B	C	A	D	C	D
43	B	B	A	D	B	B
44	C	A	D	B	B	A
45	A	C	C	C	D	D
46	C	B	D	A	D	C
47	D	A	A	D	D	C
48	B	C	D	B	C	A
49	D	B	A	C	A	B
50	B	C	A	D	D	A
51	A	C	C	D	B	D
52	C	C	B	A	D	C
53	C	A	D	A	C	D
54	D	A	C	A	D	B
55	D	B	C	A	B	C
56	C	D	B	D	B	A
57	D	A	B	A	D	C
58	C	A	C	C	C	B
59	A	A	A	C	A	C
60	C	A	B	C	D	B
61	D	D	C	D	B	A
62	A	D	B	A	B	A
63	B	A	B	C	A	D
64	C	B	B	B	B	B

B. PHẦN VIẾT (2,0 điểm)

I. Chuyển đổi câu (0,5 điểm: 0,1 điểm/câu)

Câu 1: He now wishes (that) he had/he'd taken the doctor's advice.

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hoặc Peter apologised/apologized (to the/his teacher) for not having done the/his homework.

Câu 3: He can't have attended the Conference on Wildlife Protection yesterday.

Câu 4: Had she not been seriously ill, she would/could/might have passed the exam.
hoặc Had she not been seriously ill, she would not/wouldn't/could not/couldn't/might not/mightn't have failed (in) the exam.

Câu 5: Ms Betty prides herself on her singing.
hoặc Ms Betty prides herself on her being a good singer.
hoặc Ms Betty prides herself on her ability to sing.

II. Viết đoạn văn (1,5 điểm)