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**Mã đề thi 403**

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

**Question 1:** Binh is talking to Minh after the performance.

- Binh: "You've got a lovely voice, Minh."

- Minh: "....."

- A. Congratulations!      B. Thank you.      C. Me too.      D. No problem.

**Question 2:** Tim is late for the class meeting.

- Tim: "Sorry, I'm late, Peter".

- Peter: "....."

- A. Thanks a lot.      B. Same to you      C. Never mind.      D. Good idea.

*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. nervous      B. polite      C. careful      D. happy

**Question 4:** A. festival      B. attention      C. customer      D. capital

*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 5:** A. starteded      B. raineded      C. crieded      D. seemeded

**Question 6:** A. face      B. save      C. take      D. land

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

**Question 7:** \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable I feel, the more creative I am.

- A. Most      B. More      C. Most of      D. The more

**Question 8:** The hotel is famous for its spectacular \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea.

- A. view      B. vision      C. glance      D. look

**Question 9:** My grandfather often \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio to get the latest news.

- A. hears      B. listens      C. watches      D. talks

**Question 10:** I like eating in this restaurant because the waiters are very \_\_\_\_\_ and friendly.

- A. help      B. helpfulness      C. helpfully      D. helpful

**Question 11:** The next SEA Games will be held \_\_\_\_\_ Viet Nam.

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

**Question 12:** My parents bought me a \_\_\_\_\_ school bag for my birthday.

- A. red Japanese beautiful      B. Japanese red beautiful  
C. beautiful Japanese red      D. beautiful red Japanese

**Question 13:** The building is beautiful, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. has it      B. wasn't it      C. isn't it      D. was it

**Question 14:** Linh has been trying to solve this problem all week, but she still hasn't been able to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A. shatter      B. break      C. crash      D. crack

**Question 15:** I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of presents on my birthday last week.

- A. give      B. was given      C. was giving      D. have given

**Question 16:** We \_\_\_\_\_ flowers in the school garden when it started to rain.

- A. plant      B. were planting      C. are planting      D. have planted

**Question 17:** \_\_\_\_\_ the experiment several times, the scientists finally succeeded in developing a new vaccine.

- A. Having been carrying out      B. Have carried out  
C. Having carried out      D. Have been carried out

**Question 18:** \_\_\_\_\_, he will be very happy.

- A. When my father was seeing my test scores      B. When my father had seen my test scores  
C. When my father sees my test scores      D. When my father saw my test scores

**Question 19:** The students enjoyed the online course \_\_\_\_\_ they found it useful for their studies.

- A. despite      B. because      C. although      D. because of

**Question 20:** Peter loves kitchen work. He always helps his wife \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes.

- A. wash through      B. wash over      C. wash away      D. wash up

**Question 21:** When the visitor saw with her own eyes the beach covered with a mountain of plastic rubbish washed up from around the world, a chill went down her \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. spine      B. mind      C. bone      D. brain

*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 22:** Many students are anxious about the coming interview.

- A. worried      B. crowded      C. kind      D. noisy

**Question 23:** Tom followed the recipe exactly, but the meat tasted awful.

- A. terrible      B. fresh      C. good      D. delicious

*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 24:** My parents always encourage me to participate in social activities to gain more life experience.

- A. warn      B. lose      C. get      D. post

**Question 25:** It's time you pulled your socks up and started working seriously. Your final exams are coming.

- A. lost confidence      B. studied harder      C. became lazy      D. got furious

*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 26 to 30.*

Many people say that schooldays are the best days of their life, and they often feel that this should be a period of enjoyment. (26) \_\_\_\_\_, exams often make them unhappy, and many students prefer having no exam at all. They say the exams (27) \_\_\_\_\_ they have to take often make them worried, and they have no time to relax. Others, on the other hand, say that exams help students study better. They will have to study throughout the year, and if they do well, they will become more (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in studying.

There are (29) \_\_\_\_\_ students who prefer only final exams. They say that they have to work hard for two months a year and so they have more time for their leisure activities. They think that this is a better way of (30) \_\_\_\_\_ student' knowledge and ability in the subjects they are studying.

(Adapted from *Complete First for Schools* by Brook-Hart, Hutchison, Passmore and Uddin)

**Question 26:** A. Although      B. However      C. Therefore      D. Moreover

**Question 27:** A. which      B. when      C. who      D. where

**Question 28:** A. nervous      B. bored      C. friendly      D. interested

**Question 29:** A. some      B. another      C. each      D. every

**Question 30:** A. assisting      B. assessing      C. accessing      D. accepting

*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 31 to 35.*

Many children have music classes when they attend school. And it is thought that music can help them learn other subjects better. Research has shown that it can improve children's performances in certain subjects.

Some studies have shown that music training can help you understand your own language better. It could also help you with learning a second one. Moreover, young people who have studied music also seem to get higher scores in other subjects like maths. So it could be that these school subjects are connected in some way.

Music also helps you think of new ideas and believe more in yourself. If you are learning the guitar, for example, it can be really exciting when you are able to start composing your own pieces of music. One of the biggest benefits, of course, is that listening to music can reduce your stress. And composing music can make you feel the same way. Maybe your musical knowledge will even open up a great career path for you in the future!

(Adapted from *Preliminary for Schools Trainer*)

**Question 31:** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Ways to teach music      B. New ideas in music  
C. Benefits of learning music      D. Ways to write a piece of music

**Question 32:** The word it in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. research      B. school      C. child      D. music

**Question 33:** According to paragraph 2, students who learn music seem to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dislike learning a second language      B. get higher marks in maths  
C. know only one language      D. dislike learning other subjects

**Question 34:** The word composing in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. writing      B. copying      C. learning      D. sharing

**Question 35:** According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a benefit of music?

- A. It helps you think of new ideas.
- B. It helps you believe more in yourself.
- C. It helps you make more friends.
- D. It helps you reduce stress.

**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 36 to 42.**

When it comes to ambition, no two people are alike. Every class has its **outstanding** students, every company has its wonderful employees, and every family has its successful members. Then there is someone who is happy with whatever life brings. So what makes us different?

A person's desire to succeed depends on so many factors. He or she may have goals, but without the ambition to get started, they never take the first steps to achieve them. Similarly, those with an ambition but no clear goals tend to begin many projects, but do not ever follow them till the end.

Although there are not any strict rules about how to teach "ambition" or what decides it, many successful people do share some things. Most scientists agree that it helps to have parents who encourage the children to try new experiences, praise their successes, and accept their failures. In those families, kids often have much higher confidence levels. They know how to set goals and keep trying until they achieve **them**. Money also plays an important role. Those who are not very rich often want to earn money. It forces them to work hard all the time and improve their life.

However, the desire for success can create its own stress. Working too hard to achieve success can lead to **illnesses**. These days, even teens and young adults are feeling the stress. Trying to get into good colleges and find good jobs have forced high school students to study harder than ever. For many, it is difficult to find the balance. One solution may be to get together with family and friends, and do the things we enjoy. Most would agree that those values are far more important than any wealth or success.

*(Adapted from Skillful Reading & Writing by Bixby Scanlon)*

**Question 36:** Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- A. An Interesting Life Story
- B. A Life without Stress
- C. The Desire For Success
- D. Ways to Teach Ambition

**Question 37:** The word **outstanding** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. terrible
- B. pleasant
- C. honest
- D. excellent

**Question 38:** According to paragraph 1, ambition \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is achieved by all people
- B. is shared by different people
- C. differs from person to person
- D. is the same for all people

**Question 39:** The word **them** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. kids
- B. levels
- C. families
- D. goals

**Question 40:** The word **illnesses** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wonderful results
- B. good feelings
- C. money problems
- D. health problems

**Question 41:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. A person's desire for success depends on so many factors.
- B. The desire to succeed can badly affect people's health.
- C. Money does not play a role in people's success.
- D. Some people are pleased with whatever life brings.

**Question 42:** Which of the following can be referred from the passage?

- A. People in modern society do not care about the values of family.
- B. Teenagers in the past had to work harder to enter colleges.
- C. Poor people do not work hard enough to improve their life.
- D. The combination of ambition and clear goals is essential to success.

**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 43:** It is not necessary for you to book movie tickets in advance.

- A. You would book movie tickets in advance.
- B. You can't book movie tickets in advance.
- C. You needn't book movie tickets in advance.
- D. You must book movie tickets in advance.

**Question 44:** "I have a lot of homework to do," Ha said.

- A. Ha said that I have a lot of homework to do.
- B. Ha said that she had a lot of homework to do.
- C. Ha said that she has had a lot of homework to do.
- D. Ha said that I had a lot of homework to do.

**Question 45:** He last went to the cinema two months ago.

- A. He has two months to go the cinema.
- B. He hasn't gone to the cinema for two months.
- C. He has gone to the cinema for two months.
- D. He didn't go to the cinema two months ago.

*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 46:** Students need to develop necessary skills to prepare for his future.

- A. need                      B. necessary                      C. to prepare                      D. his

**Question 47:** Mai invites her classmates to her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party last week.

- A. invites                      B. to                      C. party                      D. week

**Question 48:** The spokesman had an uphill struggle to find an explanation that was readily intelligent to the layman.

- A. spokesman                      B. uphill                      C. intelligent                      D. layman

*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 49:** Mike doesn't feel well today. He can't go out with his friends.

- A. Provided that Mike feels well today, he can't go out with his friends.  
B. If Mike had felt well today, he couldn't have gone out with his friends.  
C. If only Mai had felt well today, he couldn't have gone out with his friends.  
D. Mike wishes he felt well today so that he could go out with his friends.

**Question 50:** Coffee shops are forbidden to serve over ten customers at a time during social distancing. There is no exception whatsoever.

- A. Under no circumstances are coffee shops prohibited from serving over ten customers at a time during social distancing.  
B. On no account are coffee shops permitted to serve over ten customers at a time during social distancing.  
C. In no way are coffee shops prohibited from serving over ten customers at a time during social distancing.  
D. At no time were coffee shops permitted to serve over ten customers at a time during social distancing.

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