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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. click B. bride C. prize D. slice
 Question 2: A. brings B. trains C. talks D. clears

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which differs from the other three in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3: A. consider B. discover C. imagine D. decorate
 Question 4: A. beauty B. success C. album D. question

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 5: When I suggested he was mistaken, Mark got hot under the collar and stormed out of the room.
 A. felt anxious B. got emotional C. became furious D. remained calm
 Question 6: With so many bruises over the body, it is obvious that the child has had a bad fall.
 A. unfair B. unclear C. known D. correct

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 7: The new movie was a big hit as tickets for most of the showings were sold out.
 A. beat B. failure C. success D. threat
 Question 8: Being a wise politician, Mr. Brown tends to reserve his judgements till he knows all the facts.
 A. benefits B. bookings C. appearances D. decisions

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

- Question 9: Pat and Sam are talking about doing exercise.
 - Pat: "I don't think we should exercise late at night"
 - Sam: "_____". This increases our heartbeats and makes it harder to sleep."
 A. You can do it again B. I disagree with you C. You're right D. It's not sure
 Question 10: Anna is talking to Mark after their school's talent contest.
 - Anna: "So, you're the winner. Congratulations!" - Mark: "_____"
 A. You're welcome. B. No problem. C. Not at all. D. Thank you.

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.

- Question 11: You often drive to work, _____?
 A. don't you B. didn't you C. won't you D. haven't you
 Question 12: Having your private life splashed across the front pages of newspapers and glossy magazine is part and _____ of being a celebrity.
 A. package B. parcel C. packet D. post
 Question 13: Sometimes it can be really _____ to go hiking alone in the forest.
 A. dangerously B. danger C. endanger D. dangerous
 Question 14: Instead of reading stories from books, Michelle's father usually _____ stories to lull her to sleep.
 A. turns of B. makes up C. takes after D. gets on
 Question 15: Mary has been financially independent since she _____ to work.
 A. went out B. will go out C. was going out D. would go out
 Question 16: Many animal species are under threat of extinction _____ widespread deforestation.
 A. although B. despite C. because D. because of
 Question 17: Mr. Smith is often _____ first person to come to the office in the morning.
 A. the B. an C. a D. Ø (no article)

Question 18: Experts agree that too hard work out may _____ more harm than good.

- A. do B. set C. hold D. make

Question 19: Tom doesn't mind _____ his father mend things around the house.

- A. help B. helping C. to help D. to helping

Question 20: If I _____ you, I would take the doctor's advice.

- A. were B. are C. had been D. will be

Question 21: Dubai is famous _____ its exciting nightlife.

- A. to B. with C. on D. for

Question 22: The director extended his gratitude to all the staff for their _____ support, without which the company couldn't have overcome its difficult time.

- A. unmoving B. unbending C. unailing D. unfeeling

Question 23: Even little things like turning off the lights when not in you can make a difference to the amount of electricity _____.

- A. is consuming B. consuming C. consumed D. is consumed

Question 24: Thousands of _____ packed into the stadium to support their team in the final match.

- A. viewers B. audiences C. witnesses D. spectators

Question 25: He won't understand what the responsibilities of a father are _____.

- A. until he has his first child B. after he had had his first child
C. as soon as he had his first child D. once he had his first child

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.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Social networking sites are now estimated to have over 700 million users worldwide. As users can create their own profiles, you mind expect them to portrait themselves in the best possible light. When putting up a profile, it would be (26) ____ for them to present flattering images, choose sophisticated and discerning interests, and carefully express their thoughts to appear more intelligent than in real life. (27) ____, according to a recent study conducted on 250 Facebook users, this is not the case. Far from being idealised version of themselves, most users' profiles (28) ____ closely to what they are really like and show their true personalities including their both psychological weaknesses and natural physical flaws.

It's not entirely clear why online profiles depict users' personalities so accurately. It could be that users want to portray themselves as they really are, or that people attempt to present an ideal image of themselves but fail to do so. One thing seems clear: social networking sites can in no way be considered a false online world (29) ____ is idealised and removed from reality; rather, they are simply (30) ____ way in which people choose to interact with each other.

(Adapted from English Unlimited by Adrian Doff and Ben Goldstein)

Question 26: A. controversial B. exceptional C. believable D. reasonable

Question 27: A. Besides B. Therefore C. Furthermore D. However

Question 28: A. conform B. comply C. abide D. follow

Question 29: A. that B. who C. where D. when

Question 30: A. other B. another C. few 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 31 to 35.

For many years, schoolchildren in the US have been taken on "field trips" to cultural institutions and historical sites. Despite these trips involving some expense and disruption to class timetables, educators arrange them in the belief that schools exist not only to teach economically useful skills, but also to produce civilized young people who appreciate the arts and culture.

However, there have been increasing signs in recent years that the attitude towards field trips is changing, with a significant decrease in the number of tours organized for school groups. A survey carried out by a group of school administrators found that over half the schools they asked had decided to cancel trips planned for the next academic year.

So what are the reasons for this change? The most obvious one is the issue of finance. Because there are increasing demands on their funds, schools are forced to make a difficult choice about how to spend the limited money they have. Field trips are an obvious thing to cut since they are seen by many as a luxury. A large number of school heads also consider days spent away from school a waste of time, believing that the only worthwhile use of students' time is spent preparing for exams in the classroom.

But why should anybody worry if schoolchildren go on fewer trips? Those that believe this is a negative development in education would say that cultural field trips contribute to the development of students into well-

educated adults who have a healthy interest in history and the arts. Researchers warn that if schools cut field trips, then valuable opportunities to broaden and enrich children's learning experiences are lost.

(Adapted from Exam Booster by Helen Chilton, Sheila Dignen, Mark Fountain and Frances Treloar)

Question 31: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Positive changes in American schools
- B. Valuable academic learning experiences
- C. New trends in educational development
- D. Field trips for schoolchildren

Question 32: According to paragraph 1, educators believe that through field trips, children can _____.

- A. practice some outdoor activities
- B. enjoy their time at school
- C. learn to value the arts and culture
- D. develop economically useful skills only

Question 33: The word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. school administrators
- B. the schools
- C. field trips
- D. school groups

Question 34: The phrase "**a luxury**" in paragraph 3 mostly describes something which is _____.

- A. difficult and important
- B. new and common
- C. expensive but not essential
- D. cheap but comfortable

Question 35: According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. The number of field trips organized for school groups is growing.
- B. Cutting field trips may mean fewer opportunities for students' cultural learning.
- C. Most school heads find it not worthwhile for students to spend time preparing for exams.
- D. Schools no longer have to pay for their student's field trips.

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.

"I have not paid a single electricity bill since the year 1970," says Richard Perez with noticeable glee. He can afford to be smug. He lives "off-grid" - unconnected to the power grid and the water, gas and sewerage supplies that most people in the world rely on. He generates his own electricity, sources his own water and deals with his own water disposal - and he prefers it that way. "They are times when the grid **blacks out**," he says, "I really like the security of having my own electricity company."

Perez is not alone. Once the preserve of mavericks, hippies and survivalists, there are now approximately 200,000 off-grid households in the United States of America, a figure that Perez says has been increasing by a third every year for the past decade. For all of the people who live off-grid, self-sufficiency mean guilt-free energy consumption and peace of mind. "It feels brilliant to make use of clean, free energy that is not from fossil fuels," says Suzanne Gallant, a writer who lives off-grid in a rural area in Wales. "And if something goes wrong, we can fix it ourselves." Now even urbanites are seeing the appeal of generating some if not all off their own power needs. So is energy freedom and eco **pipe-dream** or the ultimate good life?

Well, there is only one way to find out: begin to explore the possibilities of solar, wind and hydro power. But unless you live on a sunny, south-facing hillside with access to a nearby river or stream, that might prove prohibitively expensive!

There is no doubt that being off-grid has its problems, and it is not always the cheapest way to get the energy you need. Even so, pioneers like Perez have proved that **it** can be done and without giving up a 21st century lifestyle: "I have got five personal computers, two laser scanners, two fridge-freezers, a microwave a convention oven, vacuum cleaners - you name it", says Perez. "There is an external beams antenna on the roof for the phone and a satellite for an Internet connection. I have got 70 kWh in batteries that could last me five days. I have too much electricity." Too much electricity and no more bills. That has got to be worth aiming for.

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Question 36: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Unplugging from the Grid
- B. No Water, No Life!
- C. A Day in the Life of an "Off-gridder"
- D. Living without the Electricity

Question 37: The phrase "**blacks out**" in paragraph 1 mostly means _____.

- A. serves many purposes
- B. fails to work
- C. has no functions
- D. is able to run

Question 38: According to paragraph 1, Richard Perez has managed to _____.

- A. provide energy for people in his neighborhood
- B. save a lot of money with his own company
- C. stay independent of certain public utilities
- D. pay off his electric bills since 1970

Question 39: The word "**pipe-dream**" in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. a terrible situation
- B. an impractical hope
- C. a promising vision
- D. a real nightmare

Question 40: The word "**it**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. being a pioneer
- B. giving up a 21st century lifestyle
- C. being off-grid
- D. getting the energy

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

- A. The number of “off-gridders” in the US is said to have risen by 33% over the past 10 years.
- B. Some city dwellers have shown an interest in producing their own electricity.
- C. “Off-gridders” enjoy not doing harm to the environment.
- D. People opting for off-grid living used to be considered quite eccentric.

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

- A. Adopting an off-grid lifestyle is only suitable for low-income people.
- B. Leading a 21st century lifestyle means consuming a great deal of electricity.
- C. Many “off-gridders” have made a fortune selling their own electricity.
- D. Most people living in temperate regions are against the idea of living off-grid.

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

Question 43: Tom is more ambitious than his elder sister.

- A. Tom is as ambitious as his elder sister.
- B. Tom’s elder sister is more ambitious than he is.
- C. Tom’s elder sister is not as ambitious as he is.
- D. Tom is less ambitious than his elder sister.

Question 44: It is compulsory for all the students to finish their class work before going home.

- A. All the students needn’t finish their class work before going home.
- B. All the students must finish their class work before going home.
- C. All the students may finish their class work before going home.
- D. All the students can’t finish their class work before going home.

Question 45: “I’m going to have a job interview tomorrow,” said Paul.

- A. Paul said that I am going to have a job interview tomorrow.
- B. Paul said that he was going to have a job interview the following day.
- C. Paul said that I was going to have a job interview the following day.
- D. Paul said that he was going to have a job interview tomorrow.

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

Question 46: My mother always give me a big hug before I go to school in the morning.

- A. give
- B. big
- C. to
- D. morning

Question 47: Reading books, listening to music, and play sports are among the most popular leisure activities.

- A. play
- B. are
- C. the
- D. activities

Question 48: One necessary preventive measure to be taken is that the public should be on the outlook for symptoms of the disease.

- A. preventive
- B. taken
- C. the public
- D. outlook

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: Some mobile applications are very tempting. They may expose users to identity theft.

- A. So tempting are some mobile applications that they limit users’ exposure to identity theft.
- B. Tempting though some mobile applications are, they may expose users to identity theft.
- C. It is temptation of identity theft that exposes users to some mobile applications.
- D. Not only is identity theft tempting, it also exposes users to some mobile applications.

Question 50: The English patient made a miraculous recovery from Covid-19. This was thanks to the efforts of the Vietnamese medical staff.

- A. If the English patient had made a miraculous recovery from Covid-19, the Vietnamese medical staff would have made efforts.
- B. But for the efforts of the Vietnamese medical staff, the English patient couldn’t have made a miraculous recovery from Covid-19.
- C. Without the efforts of the Vietnamese medical staff, the English patient couldn’t make a miraculous recovery from Covid-19.
- D. Suppose that the English patient made a miraculous recovery from Covid-19, the Vietnamese medical staff would make efforts.

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