

PRONUNCIATION:

- Strong and weak form of auxiliary verbs
- Contracted forms: nouns/pronouns, etc. + verb/ verb not
- Linking final consonants to initial vowels
- Elision of vowels
- Sentence stress and rhythms

VOCABULARY: Words and phrases related to

- Health and fitness
- Generational differences
- Cities and smart living
- Asian
- Global warming

GRAMMAR

- Tenses: Present Perfect & Simple Past
- Modal verbs: must/ have to/ should
- State verbs in continuous forms; Linking verbs
- Gerunds
- Participle clauses

WRITING:

- Writing a short message
- Writing an opinion essay about limiting teenagers' screen time
- Writing an article about the advantages and disadvantages of living a smart city
- Writing a proposal for a welcome event
- Writing a leaflet to persuade people to reduce black carbon emissions

SAMPLE TEST

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Avoid undesirable habits like consuming excessive amounts of coffee or tea. **Moreover**, you need to increase your workout.

- A. Furthermore B. Although C. However D. For example

2. The Singaporean scholarship is renewed **annually** and may be terminated if the recipients have unsatisfactory academic records or bad behavior.

- A daily B. monthly C. weekly D. yearly

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

3. The insurance plan offers **protection** in the event of an unintentional death or significant injury.

- A. demolition B. improvement C. development D. decrease

4. Urban medievalists are rightly hesitant to **undervalue** the importance of ritual and ceremony in the daily life of towns.

- A. pretend B. underestimate C. overvalue D. cooperate

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

5. Henry didn't feel like to go to school this morning because it was raining heavily.

- A B C D

6. Because of her seriously sickness, Alex didn't participate in the English contest last week.

- A B C D

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

7. The outdoor centre organizes lots of _____ activities for the kids, like cycling and canoeing.
A. energetic B. stagnant C. innovative D. creative
8. Could you please stop _____ so much noise in my room?
A. make B. to make C. made D. making
9. Taking part in the Green Summer program was a wonderful _____ that Henry will never forget.
A. experienced B. inexperienced C. experience D. experiencing
10. Mr. Henry made a big difference _____ my life and many other students' lives in the past and present.
A. for B. in C. of D. on
11. Henry's friends suggested _____ some unique symbols in the book to prevent the corrupt teachers from stealing and selling.
A. insert B. to insert C. inserting D. inserted
12. _____ Henry has used divergent methods to protect the Global Success Book 11, he still can't stop the rotten teachers from buying and selling for dirty money.
A. Although B. Despite C. Because D. In spite of
13. Cultural _____ is the most effective method for the young to comprehend other countries' values, customs, traditions, and other things.
A. change B. exchange C. values D. shock
14. When her husband was in the army, Hana _____ to him a few times a month.
A. was writing B. wrote C. was written D. writes
15. We need to be _____ to solve the immediate problem to help Vietnam overcome financial difficulties and integrate into ASEAN easily.
A. confide B. confidence C. confident D. confidential
16. The ASEAN Scholarships provide opportunities _____ studies in selected Singapore schools
A. for B. in C. of D. on
17. Henry enjoys _____ a lot of teachers who need new English materials for their teaching.
A. help B. to help C. helping D. helps
18. _____ the encouragement of true teachers, Henry overcame many difficulties in finding sources to write new English books.
A. Despite the fact that B. Despite C. Thanks to D. In spite of

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

19. Kate and his mom are talking together.

Kate: "Mom, I eventually win the Speaking contest."

His mom: "_____."

- A. It's an amazing story B. You must be better next time
C. Really! Congratulations, boy D. Do my best!

20. Tom and his mom are talking together.

Tom's mom: "I'm afraid there is no real friendship between boys and girls!"

Tom: "_____, Mommy. We are just good friends."

- A. Don't mention it B. Don't worry C. I hope so D. Of course not

Choose the sentence which has the closest meaning to the original one.

21. Tom isn't used to walking so far.

- A. Tom used to walk farther. B. Tom doesn't like to walk so far.
C. Tom isn't accustomed to walking very far. D. Nancy needed help to walk so far.

22. Ann never wants to see another horror film.

- A. Ann hasn't seen horror films. B. Ann has enjoyed all horror films she has seen.
C. Ann is tired of seeing all horror films. D. She is anxious not to miss the next horror film.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences given.

23. The trip was so expensive. They could only afford seven days.

- A. It was such an expensive trip that they could only afford seven days.

- B. So expensive was a seven-day trip that they could hardly afford it.
 C. The trip was dirt cheap, so they could afford more than seven days.
 D. A seven-day trip wasn't cheap, so they couldn't afford it.
24. Tam is not good at English. I am not good at English, too.
 A. Neither Tam nor I am good at English. B. Either Tam or I am good at English.
 C. I'm not as good at English as Tam is. D. Tam isn't good at English but I am.

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Raising the retirement age has been proposed (25)_____ the Ministry of Labor pending parliamentary evaluation in May 2017. While the policy is (26)_____ in utilizing the work experience of the elderly while creating savings in the pension budget, it also means (27)_____ job prospects and promotion opportunities for younger generations. It is also not in the interest of all the elderly, especially the 70 per cent of Vietnam's labor force working in manual labor-intensive sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing and construction (28)_____ working above the age of 50 can be dangerous and unproductive. Despite these drawbacks, raising the retirement age is still considered by policymakers as one of the key solutions to the ageing population problem in Vietnam.(29)_____, these are only temporary solutions.

25. A. At B. by C. for D. from
 26. A. beneficially B. beneficiary C. beneficial D. benefit
 27. A. less B. fewer C. more D. little
 28. A. which B. whom C. who D. where
 29. A. So B. Because C. However D. Therefore

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The Forbidden City is the former imperial palace in the center of Beijing, China. Construction began in 1406, and the emperor's court officially moved in by 1420. Even government officials and the imperial family were permitted only limited access. Only the emperor could enter any section at will.

The architecture of the Forbidden City conforms rigidly to traditional Chinese principles. This architectural concept was carried out to the smallest detail. For example, the importance of a building was determined not only by its height or width but also by the style of its roof and the quantity of statuettes placed on the roof's ridges.

In recognition of the importance of its unparalleled architecture, UNESCO added the palace to **its** World Heritage List in 1987. Today, visitors from all over the world do not wait for an imperial invitation to walk about this palace, now a museum of imperial art.

One of the most impressive landmarks of the Forbidden City is the Meridian Gate, the formal entrance to the southern side of the Forbidden City. The gate, with its auxiliary wings on either side of the entryway, is 38 meters high at its roof ridge. When you stand in front of this majestic structure, you understand how awed people felt when they stood there listening to imperial proclamations.

Running through the courtyard is the Golden River, which is crossed by five parallel white marble bridges. These bridges lead to the Gate of Supreme Harmony, which, in turn, leads to the heart of the Forbidden City. At the northernmost end of the Forbidden City is the Imperial Garden, which is totally different from the rest of the compound. Instead of rigid formality, you see a seemingly **spontaneous** arrangement of trees, fishponds, flowerbeds, and sculpture. Here is the place of relaxation for the emperor.

30. According to the passage, what do the bridges over the Golden River lead to?
 A. The Meridian gate
 B. The Gate of Supreme Harmony
 C. The Imperial Gardens
 D. The center of Beijing arrangement of trees, fishponds, flowerbeds, and sculpture. Here is the place of relaxation for the emperor.
31. From the passage, it is implied that the main entrance area to the Forbidden City is
 A. not very impressive B. surrounded by three tall walls
 C. decorated with statuettes D. painted gold and green

32. Which word(s) does the word 'its' refer to in paragraph 3?
A. Architecture B. World Heritage List C. Palace D. UNESCO
33. Which word or phrase is closest in meaning to the word "spontaneous"?
A. Without thinking B. Unique C. Without planning D. Strange
34. Which sentence in the first paragraph explains who could go anywhere in the Forbidden City at any time?
A. Sentence 2: Construction began in 1406, and the emperor's court officially moved in by 1420.
B. Sentence 1: The Forbidden City is the former imperial palace in the center of Beijing, China
C. Sentence 4: Only the emperor could enter any section at will.
D. Sentence 3: Even government officials and the imperial family were permitted only limited access.

WRITING: Rewrite sentences.

35. She doesn't want to do her homework by herself.
➔ She doesn't feel like _____.
36. Would you please prepare dinner for your family?
➔ Would you mind _____.
37. My father said that I could use his car.
➔ My father allowed me _____.
38. She was very stupid when she went out without a raincoat.
➔ It was very stupid of her _____.
39. She would rather eat at home with her family than go out to eat in the restaurant with her friends
➔ She prefers _____.
40. He doesn't want to go to the movie with Sarah tonight.
➔ He doesn't feel like _____.