

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 1: A. animal B. character C. imaine D. personality

Question 2: A. degree B. critical C. fertile D. mininum

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D 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. economics B. engineering C. information D. geography

Question 4: A. opponent B. vertical C. windsurfing D. penalty

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

Question 5: Had it not been for you help me, I wouldn't have succeeded.

A B C D

Question 6: I enjoyed talking to the people with that I met at the party last night.

A B C D

Question 7: It is vitally important that she takes this medication night and morning.

A B C D

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

Question 8: Look! The yard is wet. It _____ last night.

A. couldn't have rained B. must rain
C. must have rained D. should have rained

Question 9: I live next to a nursing home for _____ very old.

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

Question 10: My problems are getting _____.

A. more and more bad B. bader and bader
C. worse and worse D. the worse and worse.

Question 11: What happened _____ their car broke down on the motorway so they didn't get to Joe's wedding on time.

A. to be that B. being that C. was that D. to that

Question 12: According to this newspaper, John is said _____ a new record for the long jump.

A. establishing B. to establish C. established D. to have established

Question 13: Is he guilty or innocent _____ the crime?

A. in B. from C. of D. by

Question 14: This is very _____! Can't you practise your violin somewhere else?

A. convenient B. conveniently C. inconvenient D. convenience

Question 15: The child was told to _____ for being rude to his uncle.

A. excuse B. apologize C. forgive D. confess

Question 16: I just couldn't remember her name even though it was on the _____ of my tongue.

A. edge B. tip C. top D. front

Question 17: "I'm going for an interview for a job this afternoon." "Good luck! I'll keep my _____ crossed for you"

A. legs B. fingers C. arms D. hands

Question 18: She is a friendly person. She gets _____ all her neighbours.

A. up well with B. down well with C. on well with D. get off with

Question 19: Look this document _____ carefully before you sign it.

A. up

B. on

C. at

D. over

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

Question 20: Susan accidentally stepped on Denise's foot.

~**Susan**: "Oops! I'm sorry, Denise." ~**Denise**: "_____"

- A. You shouldn't do that.
- B. It's alright.
- C. You are welcome.
- D. It's nonsense.

Question 21: Mai and Nam are talking about the cell phone that Nam has just bought.

~**Mai**: "Wow, I've never seen such a nice cell phone, Nam" ~**Nam**: "_____".

- A. Oh, I don't know.
- B. Thank you. I'm glad you like it.
- C. You're welcome.
- D. I agree with you.

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

Question 22: She was brought up in a well-off family. She can't understand the problems we are facing.

- A. wealthy
- B. kind
- C. broke
- D. poor

Question 23: Father has lost his job, so we'll have to tighten our belt to avoid getting into debt.

- A. earn money
- B. spend money
- C. sit still
- D. economize

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.

Question 24: Although it's a long day for us, we feel we are contented with what we do.

- A. dissatisfied
- B. excited
- C. shocked
- D. interested

Question 25: Fruit and vegetables grew in abundance on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.

- A. large quantity
- B. excess
- C. small quantity
- D. sufficiency

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

Question 26: We have run out of the items you want.

- A. We have to run out to buy the items you want.
- B. The items you want are out of our shop.
- C. For the items you want, we must run out.
- D. The items you want have been out of stock.

Question 27: She had only just begun to speak when people started interrupting.

- A. She hardly had begun to speak when people started interrupting.
- B. Hardly she had begun to speak when people started interrupting.
- C. Hardly had she begun to speak when people started interrupting.
- D. She hadn't begun to speak when people started interrupting.

Question 28: "Leave my house now or I'll call the police!" shouted the lady to the man.

- A. The lady threatened to call the police if the man didn't leave her house.
- B. The lady said that she would call the police if the man didn't leave her house.
- C. The lady told the man that she would call the police if he didn't leave her house.
- D. The lady informed the man that she would call the police if he didn't leave her house.

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

Question 29: Marry loved her stuffed animal when she was young. She couldn't sleep without it.

- A. When Marry was young, she loved her stuffed animal so as not to sleep with it.
- B. As Marry couldn't sleep without her stuffed animal when she was young, she loved it.
- C. When Marry was young, she loved her stuffed animal though she couldn't sleep without it.
- D. When Marry was young, she loved her stuffed animal so much that she couldn't sleep without it.

Question 30: The fire-fighters made every effort to put off the flames. The building burned down completely.

- A. The building burned down completely though the fire-fighters made every effort to put off the flames.
- B. Had it not been for the fire-fighters' every effort, the building would have burned down completely.

C. Making every effort to put off the flames, the fire-fighters completely burned down the building.

D. Since the fire-fighters made every effort to put off the flames, the building burned down completely.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 31 to 35.

The threat to the Environment

Nowadays people are more aware that wildlife all over the world is in danger. Many species of animals will become (31) _____ if we do not make an effort to protect them.

There are many reasons for this. In some cases, animals are (32) _____ for their fur or for other valuable parts of their bodies. Some birds, such as parrots, are caught alive and sold as pets. For many animals and birds the problem is that their habitat - the place where they live - is (33) _____. More land is used for farms, for houses or industry, and there are fewer open spaces than there once were. Farmers use powerful chemicals to help them grow better crops, but these chemicals pollute the environment and (34) _____ wildlife. The most successful animals on earth - human beings - will soon be the only ones (35) _____, unless we can solve this problem

Question 31: A. disappeared B. vanished C. empty D. extinct

Question 32: A. hunted B. chased C. game D. extinct

Question 33: A. exhausting B. departing C. escaping D. disappearing

Question 34: A. spoil B. harm C. wound D. wrong

Question 35: A. survived B. over C. missing D. left

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 36 to 43.

On March 15, Dunes View Middle School held a contest for school bands. Student bands tried out for the opportunity to perform at the school picnic, which will be held at the end of June. The winner of the contest was the band called Four Square. "We're very proud that we won the contest and are excited to perform at the picnic," says Peter Zandt, who plays the guitar in the band. "And since we hope to perform someday at other local places, like restaurants and parks, this will be a great first step."

The contest was the creation of music teacher Mr. Lopez and drama teacher Ms. Cho. The two thought of the idea while discussing recent years' school picnics. "The picnic is one of the biggest events of the year, but it has become a bit **formulaic**," said Ms. Cho. "The activities are the same every year. We thought that a performance by a student band would make the school picnic more interesting and fun." Mr. Lopez, Ms. Cho, and three other teachers judged the contest, which took place in the gym. Eight student bands signed up to audition. The bands varied in their musical forms: there were several rock bands, a folk band, and even a jazz band. "I'm disappointed that my band didn't win, but I think the judges made the right choice," says student Marisol Varga, a member of the folk trio called The Bell Girls. "Four Square is really good."

To see if the bands could present a wide range of musical skills, the teachers asked them each to prepare two songs: one song with original words, and another in which students played instrumental music only. The judges finally chose the band Four Square as the winner of the contest. Four Square is a rock band with an unusual twist: it includes a violin player! The members of Four Square write their own songs and practice three times a week after school. Students and teachers agreed that the band competition was a big success. All are looking forward to the school picnic in June.

Question 36. Which would be the most appropriate headline for the article?

A. Famous Band Visits School B. Teachers Give Music Lessons

C. Students Have Fun at School Picnic D. School Holds Student Band Contest

Question 37. What is probably true about school picnics in recent years?

A. They were held in March. B. They were not very exciting.

C. They were very hard to organize. D. They included musical performances

Question 38. The word **formulaic** is closest in meaning to_____.

A. expensive B. uncertain C. long D. dull

Question 39. What type of band is NOT mentioned in the article?

A. Pop B. Jazz C. Folk D. Rock

Question 40. Why did the teachers ask each band to play two songs?

- A. To decide which songs to play at the picnic B. To see if the bands could play a variety of songs
C. To make sure the contest did not go on too long D. To make the concert more enjoyable for students

Question 41. According to the article, what is unusual about the band Four Square?

- A. It is named after a popular children's game. B. Its members practice several times a week.
C. It is a rock band with a violinist. D. Its members all play guitar.

Question 42. According to the article, what does the band Four Square hope to do in the future?

- A. Perform at the school picnic every year B. Perform in many different places
C. Buy new instruments D. Record an album

Question 43. Who will play music at the picnic this year?

- A. Marisol Varga B. Mr. Lopez C. Peter Zandt D. Ms. Cho

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 44 to 50.

Dodder is an unusual and unwanted plant that attacks other plants. Except for its flowers, the plant looks like spaghetti noodles. Its almost leafless, thread-like stems hang down atop other plants that dodder needs to stay alive. Dodder does not produce its own food. Instead, it steals **it** from other plants. It feeds by sucking juices from the plant it is wrapped around, often making its host very weak or even killing it.

Dodder can find other plants by their smell. When a dodder seedling starts growing, it follows the scent of plants it prefers, like tomato plants, potato plants, or other farm crops.

Unlike most plants that usually grow in the direction of light or warmth, a dodder plant will grow in the direction of, for example, tomato odor—if a tomato happens to be growing nearby.

However, a young dodder plant must find a host plant quickly. If it cannot **catch a whiff** of a potential host within a few days, it will dry up and disappear—even if there is plenty of water around. Once it finds a host, the young dodder plant will attach itself to it and start growing faster. At that point, the dodder plant will drop its root.

Dodder is thus a difficult weed to manage and a real headache for farmers. When it does **get out of hand**, dodder can greatly reduce a farmer's harvest or even destroy crops completely. Before sowing their produce, farmers in warm parts of the world often check to make sure no unwanted dodder seeds have intermingled with their crop seeds. This is a good way to stop dodder plants from sneaking their way into a crop field.

Question 44. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. A new variety of farm crop B. Plants that are harmful to humans
C. The special abilities of a dangerous plant D. Recent improvements in farming methods

Question 45. Why does the author mention spaghetti?

- A. To analyze the content of some food B. To describe the shape of a dodder plant
C. To explain where the dodder plant came from D. To argue that dodder plants can be used to make food

Question 46. The word **it** refers to_____.

- A. host B. food C. plant D. dodder

Question 47. What causes dodder to grow in a particular direction?

- A. Odor B. Light C. Water D. Temperature

Question 48. The expression **catch a whiff** is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. eat the seeds B. notice the smell C. find the location D. determine the size

Question 49. What will happen if a dodder plant starts growing where there are no other plants around?

- A. It will soon die. B. It will grow deeper roots.
C. It will attract other plants. D. It will cover the entire area of soil.

Question 50. The expression **get out of hand** is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. dry up and die B. change its color C. become hard to find D. grow uncontrollably