

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 1 to 5.

Question 1.

- a. Mrs. Lan: Oh, Minh, I'm so proud of you. All your hard work has truly paid off.
b. Minh: Yes, Mom! I just got the email - I can't believe it!
c. Mrs. Lan: Minh, is it true? Did you get into your top-choice university?

A. a – c – b B. c – b – a C. b – c – a D. a – b – c

Question 2.

- a. Minh: True, but I just don't want us to forget our own traditions.
b. Minh: I'm thinking about it, but isn't it weird to celebrate Western festivals in Vietnam?
c. Linh: Not really. It's fun and helps us learn about other cultures.
d. Linh: I believe that celebrating foreign festivals can go hand in hand with preserving Vietnamese culture.
e. Linh: Are you going to the Halloween party at school this weekend?

A. d – a – c – b – e B. e – a – d – b – c C. d – b – c – a – e D. e – b – c – a – d

Question 3.

Dear Hoang,

- a. If you're free, you should definitely come with us - it won't be the same without you.
b. Let me know soon, so we can book everything together!
c. After that, I'm planning to take a short trip to Da Nang to relax and enjoy the beach.
d. It's been such a long and stressful semester, but our final exam is almost over.
e. A few of our classmates are joining, so it should be a lot of fun.

Write back soon,

Phat

A. b – e – c – a – d B. a – e – b – c – d C. d – c – e – a – b D. c – e – a – b – d

Question 4.

- a. In addition to this, the park is home to 67 types of animals, including bison, sheep, and bears, although bears are rarely seen.
b. This unique park sits on an ancient supervolcano and features deep valleys, old forests, and rivers like the Yellowstone River.
c. Yellowstone is one of the oldest national parks in the world, located in the U.S. states of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.
d. However, because of the cold and dry climate - especially at night - campers need warm clothes, even in summer.
e. Every year, over three million visitors come to see geysers, enjoy the lakes, and take part in outdoor activities.

A. c – d – a – e – b B. c – b – e – a – d C. c – e – d – a – b D. c – a – b – d – e

Question 5.

- a. Over the years, the essence of our traditional Lunar New Year festival has undergone notable changes.
b. Despite these transformations, certain customs like family reunions and ancestral worship remain steadfast, preserving the festival's core values.
c. The vibrant street markets, once the heart of festive preparation, have been replaced by online shopping, diminishing the communal atmosphere.
d. This blend of innovation and tradition reflects how cultural practices adapt to modern lifestyles while retaining their significance.
e. Additionally, the exchange of hand-written New Year wishes has largely shifted to digital messages, which lack the warmth of personal interaction.

A. a – e – b – d – c B. a – c – e – b – d C. a – d – c – e – b D. a – c – d – b – e

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 6 to 11.

Too Much Screen Time? Time to Take a Break

Facts and Figures

- Teenagers now spend a huge (6) _____ of time on their phones, with many using social media for more than 3-4 hours a day.
- This can lead to eye problems, poor sleep, and even concentration (7) _____ during school or work.

Positive Actions!

- (8) _____ these problems, schools and parents can encourage screen-free hours every day.
- Start to (9) _____ your daily phone habits and set limits for yourself.
- Try (10) _____ offline hobbies like reading or walking to reduce your screen (11) _____.
- Keep phones away from your bed at night to sleep better.

- Question 6.** A. level B. number C. extent D. amount
Question 7. A. stints B. phases C. lapses D. stages
Question 8. A. In contrast to B. In addition to C. In response to D. In regard to
Question 9. A. make up B. look into C. turn away D. settle down
Question 10. A. much B. another C. some D. little
Question 11. A. approach B. resolution C. leverage D. addiction

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 12 to 17.

Escape the Hustle - Relax at Our Cozy Café!

Are you (12) _____ by the lack of cozy, quiet places to unwind in your area? Visit our (13) _____ where you can enjoy a warm atmosphere and freshly brewed coffee. We are based (14) _____ Ha Dong, a vibrant neighborhood with the perfect blend of tranquility and convenience. Our coffee shop is more than just a place to grab a drink – it's designed to enable you (15) _____ a peaceful, stress-free break from your hectic day. Whether you're looking for a quiet corner to work, relax, or (16) _____ a break from your routine, we offer a welcoming space (17) _____ to all your needs. Come by today and find your perfect spot to recharge!

- Question 12.** A. annoy B. annoyed C. annoying D. annoyance
Question 13. A. local coffee shop B. coffee local shop C. shop local coffee D. local shop coffee
Question 14. A. at B. to C. on D. in
Question 15. A. to enjoying B. enjoy C. enjoying D. to enjoy
Question 16. A. give B. set C. take D. bring
Question 17. A. to cater B. catered C. is catered D. catering

Read the following passage about online learning and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 18 to 27.

[I] Higher education is undergoing rapid transformation with the rise of online learning, promising high-quality, low-cost education accessible to all. [II] However, studies reveal significant challenges in online courses, including a lack of meaningful interaction between students and teachers. [III] Many students report that they prefer traditional classrooms when struggling with complex subjects, as face-to-face contact with instructors fosters better understanding and engagement. [IV]

Additionally, many students enter college lacking essential academic skills like time management, note-taking, and asking for help. Online courses often require students to be independent learners, which **exacerbates** the challenges for underprepared students. This mismatch results in higher failure and withdrawal rates in online classes compared to traditional ones. Vulnerable groups, such as minorities and first-generation college students, face steeper declines in performance, further widening existing achievement gaps in education.

For online learning to fulfil its potential, it must address these shortcomings by offering more **robust** support systems. Universities need to focus on preparing students with the skills required for online courses and providing faculty training to ensure meaningful student-teacher interactions in virtual spaces. Moreover,

colleges should carefully consider which courses are suitable for online formats and prioritise enhancing student preparation over expanding online offerings indiscriminately.

While online learning offers opportunities to reduce costs and improve access, its ability to deliver high-quality education for all students remains uncertain. Significant investments in student preparation, faculty training, and course design are necessary to ensure online learning bridges educational gaps rather than widening **them**.

(Adapted from <https://theconversation.com>)

Question 18. Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

“This shift has been accelerated by advancements in technology and changing student needs.”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 19. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a feature of online learning in higher education?

- A. It drives ongoing changes in the higher education system.
B. It brings high-quality education.
C. It paves the way for affordable education.
D. It makes higher education more accessible to all.

Question 20. The word “exacerbates” in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. alleviates B. stimulates C. aggravates D. mitigates

Question 21. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

- A. Online courses improve independence but lead to slightly lower performance among students with time management challenges.
B. Only a few students succeed in online learning because they need more skills like note-taking and seeking help effectively.
C. Online learning demands independence, worsening outcomes for underprepared students, especially minorities and first-generation students.
D. Vulnerable groups like minorities and first-generation students thrive in traditional education but face similar outcomes in online classes.

Question 22. The word “robust” in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. stagnant B. powerful C. fragile D. stable

Question 23. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Although online learning can lower costs and expand access, it is still unclear whether it can provide high-quality education for every student.
B. Only if online learning improves access and reduces costs will it guarantee high-quality education for all students.
C. Not until online learning delivers high-quality education for all students can it begin to reduce costs and improve access.
D. Because online learning cannot ensure high-quality education for all students, it fails to improve access and reduce educational costs.

Question 24. The word “them” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. investments B. educational gaps C. changes D. students

Question 25. Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- A. It is reported that interaction between instructors and students fosters better understanding and engagement.
B. University students should be equipped with essential skills so that they can become comfortable in online classes.
C. There is always a higher number of dropouts in online classes when compared with traditional classes.
D. Universities should be deliberate about which courses to put online, and expend greater effort in enhancing student preparation.

Question 26. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Without making changes, the benefits of online education will likely be limited to already well-prepared students.

- B. Minorities and first-generation college students are the most vulnerable when attending university online classes.
- C. Faculty training should be prioritised so that teachers and college staff can familiarise themselves with online education.
- D. The existing achievement gaps in education can be bridged by removing online classes from the curriculum altogether.

Question 27. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Online learning is a growing trend in higher education, offering flexibility and low cost, but some students prefer traditional classrooms due to more teacher-student interaction and fewer distractions.
- B. Online courses can help reduce educational costs and offer broader access, though most university students need better academic skills to succeed independently in these digital environments.
- C. Despite online learning's affordability and access, many students lack study skills, and traditional classes are more engaging, so universities should limit online options and keep face-to-face learning.
- D. Online learning offers access and affordability but struggles with quality, requiring investments in student preparation, faculty training, interaction, and course design to bridge achievement gaps.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 28 to 32.

Different Eras, Same Dreams

The generation gap refers to the differences in values, beliefs, and behaviors between people of different age groups. These differences usually come from the fact that each generation grows up in a unique time, shaped by different events, technologies, and social norms.

One major cause of the generation gap today is the fast pace at which both technology and social changes are occurring. (28) _____, so they may find it harder to understand the digital habits of younger people. Meanwhile, raised in an online world, (29) _____ that are heavily influenced by digital technology and social media interactions. This gap in experience often leads to older people seeing the youth as too dependent on technology, while the young may see the older generation as out of touch.

However, despite these differences, research shows that the generations often share common goals and dreams. Both young and old care deeply about family, health, success, and making the world a better place. In fact, studies have found that Gen Z, while progressive and open-minded, (30) _____. Many young people also work closely with older mentors, (31) _____.

To bridge the generation gap, it is important for both sides to listen with empathy and understand the context in which the other grew up. (32) _____. When we focus not on what divides us but on what we all hope for - happiness, purpose, and progress - we can build stronger relationships across ages.

Question 28.

- A. Both generations lived through their formative years without the influence of digital tools
- B. Older generations did not grow up with smartphones, social media, or artificial intelligence
- C. Having experienced smartphones, social media, or artificial intelligence during their upbringing
- D. Today generations are raised without exposure to smartphones, social networks, or AI technology

Question 29.

- A. digital tools and social media have shaped Gen Z's distinct styles of interaction
- B. members of Gen Z try to conform to conventional ways of communicating
- C. Gen Z has developed unique ways of thinking, communicating, and working
- D. social media has significantly influenced how Gen Z approaches problem-solving

Question 30.

- A. who appreciate the guidance of seniors and seek to benefit from their past experiences
- B. still respect the wisdom of older people and are willing to learn from their experience
- C. still value the insights of older generations and refuse to learn from their life lessons
- D. whose willingness to gain valuable understanding from their own life experiences

Question 31.

- A. demonstrating that traits such as responsibility, compassion, and drive should be divergent
- B. whose values like responsibility, generosity, and determination in different age groups

- C. showing that values like responsibility, kindness, and ambition are shared across age groups
- D. that reflects the fact that people of all ages uphold values like kindness and a sense of duty

Question 32.

- A. This can be achieved by bringing generations closer and escalating existing conflicts to help them
- B. By easing conflicts and bringing generations together, open conversations, adaptability, and mutual respect can help
- C. Open conversations, mutual respect, and a willingness to adapt can help reduce conflicts and bring generations closer
- D. When people are willing to adapt, communicate openly, and show their respect for others, conflicts may still emerge

Read the following passage about a tale of two guys and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 33 to 40.

When Guy Goma went for a job interview at the BBC, he was very **astonished** by the interviewer's questions. He'd applied for a job in the computing department. Why did the woman want him to answer questions about a legal case involving a famous music company? He was even more shocked when he found that he was answering these questions live on television.

Mr Goma had been waiting in a reception room at Television Centre when an assistant came up and asked him if he was Guy. When he said 'yes', she told him to follow her to a TV studio. The next thing he knew, he was on national television. At the same time, Guy Kewney, the editor of Newswireless.net, sat in another reception room wondering why he was waiting so long.

Mr Goma did his best to answer 'very stressful' questions from the BBC business journalist, Karen Bowerman. When Karen asked him to talk about the result of the court case, he said that it was 'a big surprise'. He then went on to say that more and more people were downloading music from the Internet because **it** was very easy. At that point Karen Bowerman appeared to realise something was wrong and very professionally ended the interview after only three questions. The video of Mr Goma was quickly uploaded onto YouTube, where it immediately **went viral**.

Twenty minutes after his TV appearance, Mr Goma finally got to his real interview. Unfortunately, he did not get the job.

(Adapted from THiNK)

Question 33. The word "astonished" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. calm
- B. delighted
- C. disappointed
- D. surprised

Question 34. As stated in paragraph 1, Guy Goma _____.

- A. decided to reject a job offer in the computing department
- B. was taken aback when asked to answer questions live on television
- C. didn't go for a job interview at the BBC on time
- D. was an expert in settling legal cases involving music

Question 35. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Mr. Goma made an effort to address the BBC business journalist Karen Bowerman's difficult questions.
- B. Mr. Goma struggled to avoid answering the stressful questions posed by the BBC business journalist Karen Bowerman.
- C. Mr. Goma aimed to answer all of Karen Bowerman's questions, even though they were not particularly challenging.
- D. Mr. Goma was unable to handle the questions from BBC business journalist Karen Bowerman effectively.

Question 36. The word "it" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the result of the court case
- B. downloading music from the Internet
- C. ending the interview
- D. a big surprise

Question 37. The phrase "went viral" in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. became popular
- B. received positive feedback
- C. failed to attract attention
- D. brought some profits

Question 38. Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Mr Goma became popular after his appearance on TV, which earned him a well-paid job.
- B. Guy Goma was mistaken for Guy Kewney who was supposed to be interviewed on TV.
- C. Karen Bowerman showed his professionalism when ending the interview with Mr Goma.
- D. Guy Goma expressed his surprise when asked about the result of the court case.

Question 39. In which paragraph does the writer mention a disappointing result?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

Question 40. In which paragraph does the writer mention reaction from a BBC employee?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

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