

I. PHONOLOGY

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others in each group. (0.5 point)

Question 1. A. outskirts B. country C. mountain D. counsellor

Question 2. A. healthy B. unhappy C. hospitable D. honour

II. LANGUAGE

1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (3.0 points)

Question 3. A. don't use B. didn't use C. won't use D. not use

Question 4. A. colder B. more colder C. more cold D. coldest

Question 5. A. what B. who C. where D. how

Question 6. A. distraction B. due date C. anxiety D. priority

Question 7. A. with B. to C. in D. on

Question 8. A. got B. to get C. getting D. get

Question 9. A. hang out B. come down C. look on D. get around

Question 10. A. way B. priority C. method D. motto

Question 11. A. Despite B. Although C. Because D. Because of

Question 12. A. mechanic B. police officer C. firefighter D. electrician

Question 13. A. traffic light B. traffic flow C. traffic congestion D. traffic safety

Question 14. A. amazing B. boring C. helpless D. tiring

2. Read the following announcement 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. (0.75 point)

Dear Students,

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial for your well-being. Here are some tips to help you stay on track:
 Exercise Regularly: Try to engage in physical activities, such as sports or jogging, (15) _____ at least 30 minutes a day.

Eat a Balanced Diet: It's important to include (16) _____ variety of fruits and vegetables in your daily meals to get essential nutrients.

Avoid Unhealthy Foods: Minimize the consumption of (17) _____ foods like chips and candies to maintain good health.

By following these guidelines, you can lead a healthier and more energetic life.

Best regards,

[Huy Trần]

Question 15. A. on B. with C. for D. in

Question 16. A. the B. a C. an D. no article

Question 17. A. junk B. healthy C. nutritious D. fresh

III. READING

1. Read the following passage 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. (1.25 points)

There is a saying that big cities never sleep. This is true for some cities like New York, London and Paris have vibrant nightlife. People can still find (18) _____, dine out or go shopping into the early hours.

City dwellers are usually more diverse and there are (19) _____ communities that hold social events or parties. The social interactions allow you to learn about other cultures and share interests (20) _____ people from different backgrounds. On the other hand, the social networking helps you to broaden not only personal but also professional relationships. All in all, living in big cities is more (21) _____ because of the complete facilities provided. The advanced transportation system enables the

citizens (22) _____ public facilities cheaper and faster. Big cities also provide better education and health service. In addition, city life is more fun and exciting because there is a wide range of entertainment.

Question 18. A. Entertain B. entertaining C. Entertainment D. entertainingly

Question 19. A. little B. many C. any D. much

Question 20. A. by B. to C. for D. with

Question 21. A. convenient B. affordable C. expensive D. suitable

Question 22. A. accessed B. accessing C. to access D. access

2. 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. (1.5 points)

The conical hat is one of the most famous symbols of Vietnamese culture. It has a simple shape, but it carries deep meaning for the daily life of Vietnamese people. For centuries, men and women in rural areas have used it to protect themselves from the sun and the rain.

The hat is usually made from palm leaves, bamboo, and a thin wooden frame. Craftsmen cut the leaves, dry them, and then sew them together carefully. Making a conical hat requires skill and patience because the layers must be balanced and smooth.

The conical hat is not only useful but also beautiful. People often decorate it with poems, paintings, or colorful ribbons. It is often worn with the traditional dress, “ao dai,” especially during festivals or special occasions. This makes the hat a cultural object that shows both beauty and tradition.

Today, the conical hat is still popular in many parts of Vietnam. Farmers wear it in the fields, and sellers use it in the markets. Tourists also buy it as a souvenir. The hat represents a way of life that is simple, hard-working, and full of **elegance**.

Question 23. The word “it” in the first paragraph refers to _____

- A. the Vietnamese culture B. the daily life Vietnamese people
C. The conical hat D. the sun and the rain

Question 24. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The process of making the conical hat is very complicated and time-consuming.
B. The conical hat is an important symbol of Vietnamese culture and daily life.
C. The conical hat is only used by farmers in rural areas of Vietnam.
D. Tourists buy the conical hat as a popular souvenir from Vietnam.

Question 25. A. a round umbrella B. a triangle hat C. a pointed hat D. a bamboo cap

Question 26. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The conical hat is only worn by women in cities.
B. Making a conical hat is quick and does not need patience.
C. The conical hat can be decorated with poems and paintings.
D. Tourists are not interested in buying conical hats.

Question 27. A. Plastic B. Palm leaves C. Metal D. Paper

Question 28. A. beauty B. ugliness C. tradition D. strength.

IV. WRITING

1. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions. (0.5 point)

Question 29.

- a. Teacher: To speak English well, you should practice every day.
b. Student: What can I do to practice?
c. Teacher: You can listen to English songs, watch movies, and speak with friends.
A. a-b-c B. b-c-a C. b-a-c D. a-c-b

Question 30.

- a. Grandma: Yes, that’s true. In the past, families talked more, neighbors helped each other, and children played outside instead of using phones
b. Daughter: Grandma, what was life like in the past in Vietnam?
c. Grandma: Life was much simpler. We didn’t have many cars, phones, or televisions, but people were happy and spent more time together.
d. Daughter: That sounds very different from today! Now, everyone uses technology all the time.

A. d-a-b-c

B. c-b-d-a

C. b-c-d-a

D. a-b-c-d

2. Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the original one, beginning with the given word(s) (1.25 points)

Question 31. Peter caught a cold after playing football in the rain.

- A. Peter came down with a cold because he played football in rainy weather.
- B. Peter felt cold because he had to play football in the rain.
- C. The rain was cold, so Peter tried to play football as quickly as possible.
- D. The heavier the rain, the more quickly Peter played football.

Question 32. It the first time I have met my parents since last Sunday.

- A. I haven't meet my parents since last Sunday.
- B. I didn't meet my parents since last Sunday.
- C. I haven't met my parents since last Sunday.
- D. I hasn't met my parents since last Sunday.

Question 33. I don't know what I can do to get on well with my new friends.

- A. I don't know how to do to get on well with my new friends.
- B. I don't know what to do to get on well with my new friends.
- C. I don't know what can I do to get on well with my new friends.
- D. I don't know what I do to get on well with my new friends.

Question 34. It took me 4 hours to read the first chapter of the book.

- A. I spend 4 hours reading the first chapter of the book.
- B. I spent 4 hours read the first chapter of the book.
- C. I spent 4 hours reading the first chapter of the book.
- D. I spent 4 hours to read the first chapter of the book.

Question 35. Life in the countryside isn't as stressful as life in the city.

- A. Life in the city is less stressful than that in the countryside.
- B. Life in the countryside is more stressful than that in the city.
- C. Life in the city is more stressful than life in the countryside.
- D. Life in the countryside is so as stressful as life in the city.

3. Combine two sentences into a simple one, beginning with the given word(s) (1.25 points)

Question 36. They had to check the meaning of the word. They used a dictionary.

- A. They had to look out the meaning in a dictionary.
- B. They had to look up the meaning in a dictionary.
- C. They had to look for the meaning in a dictionary.
- D. They had to look after the meaning in a dictionary.

Question 37. We don't improve our physical health. We can't have a well-balanced lifestyle.

- A. If we don't improve our physical health, we can have a well-balanced lifestyle.
- B. If we improve our physical health, we can't have a well-balanced lifestyle.
- C. Unless we improve our physical health, we can't have a well-balanced lifestyle.
- D. Unless we improved our physical health, we could have a well-balanced lifestyle.

Question 38. Many people come to city to find jobs. The city is more bustling than ever before.

- A. The more people come to the city to find jobs, the more bustling the city is.
- B. The more people find jobs in the city, the more city is bustling.
- C. The more jobs people find in the city, the more bustling city is.
- D. The more people come to city to find jobs, the most bustling is the city.

Question 39. The movie received great reviews. Therefore, we decided to watch it this weekend.

- A. Because the movie received great reviews, we decided to watch it this weekend.
- B. Although the movie received great reviews, we decided to watch it this weekend.
- C. We decided to watch it this weekend, so the movie received great reviews.
- D. We decided to watch it this weekend, but the movie received great reviews.

Question 40. She is kind and friendly. Everyone in her neighbourhood loves her.

- A. She gets in well with everyone in her neighbourhood.
- B. She gets on well at everyone in her neighbourhood.
- C. She gets on well with everyone in her neighbourhood.
- D. She get on well with everyone in her neighbourhood.

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