

LISTENING

Task 1: Listen to the talk then choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

1. What new club are the speakers discussing?

- A. A photography club.
- B. A sports club.
- C. A music club.
- D. A cooking club.

2. Why is Danny interested in the photography club?

- A. He wants to become a professional photographer.
B. He enjoys taking photos.
C. He wants to learn more about photography.
D. He needs extra credits.

3. What do Emma and Danny plan to do together?

- A. Work at the animal shelter.
- B. Join the school play.
- C. Attend a community event.
- D. Join the photography club and volunteer at the local animal shelter.

4. Where will the community service project take place?

- A. At school. B. At the local animal shelter.
C. At the community center. D. At the library.

5. When is the school play taking place?

- A. Next month. B. Tomorrow. C. Next Friday. D. Next semester

Task 2: Listen to the talk and fill in the gaps with no more than three words.

Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, has a rich history that reflects its long and complex past. During the French colonial period, the city saw the construction of many (6) _____ buildings, which can still be seen today. The Old Quarter, known for its (7) _____ street names, was a vibrant area with busy markets and shops. Hoan Kiem Lake, an important landmark, was created during the (8) _____ Dynasty and is a popular site for both locals and tourists. In the early 20th century, Hanoi also became known for its (9) _____ cultural institutions, which played a key role in the development of Vietnamese arts and literature. This blend of old and new gives Hanoi its (10) _____ charm and historical significance.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

11. A. local B. collect C. overweight D. metro
12. A. artisans B. skills C. collections D. markets

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.

13. A. assignment B. underground C. importance D. construction
14. A. memorable B. historical C. community D. experience

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

15. They are wondering _____ to go to buy traditional handicrafts.
A. what B. where C. how D. if
16. He could _____ all kinds of people because it was part of his job as a receptionist.
A. pass down B. deal with C. take care D. keep up with
17. The more vehicles on the road, the _____ the traffic congestion becomes during peak hours.
A. worse B. best C. worst D. bad
18. If you drink enough water, you _____ more energetic throughout the day.
A. can feel B. will feel C. might feel D. would feel
19. James is quite easy-going. He can _____ well with many types of people.
A. get on B. take on C. go on D. come on
20. Do you think she will _____ the truth about her husband?
A. find up B. find out C. come back D. look around
21. I don't know _____ to deal with this trouble?
A. when B. what C. how D. where

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

22. In the past, people commute by tram before it was replaced by other modern means of transport.
A. the B. commute C. before D. replaced
23. The taller she gets, the more thinner she is.
A. taller B. gets C. more thinner D. is
24. I didn't really want to go to their party, but I probably will go.

- A. didn't B. want C. their D. will

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

25. "Do you mind carrying this suitcase for me?" - "_____"

- A. Not at all B. That's a good idea.
C. It's nice of you to say so. D. No, thanks

26. "Would you like me to pick your son up?" - "_____"

- A. Thank you. That's so kind of you. B. No, I am not.
C. Sorry. I can't D. It's nice of you to say so

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.

27. In some rural areas, women and girls are **forced** to do most of the housework.

- A. invited B. made C. contributed D. encouraged

28. We should **encourage** students to join more social activities.

- A. stimulate B. permit C. forbid D. prevent

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.

29. He **declined** my invitation to my farewell party because he was busy at work.

- A. made B. turned up C. turned down D. accepted

30. To an American, success is the result of **hard-work** and self-reliance.

- A. devotion B. enthusiasm C. laziness D. industry

READING

Read the following passage and decide whether these sentences are true or false.

Issues in big cities

These days, more and more people prefer urban life because of all the opportunities it brings about, namely job opportunity, recreational facilities, decent education and high standard of living. However, once they settle down in a city, they have to face up to more than one problem.

To begin with, the life in the urban city is also very stressful and busy. City dwellers often have a hectic pace of life, which means that they rarely have enough time for recreational activities. People have to work hard and compete fiercely to earn a decent living, which puts people under a lot of pressure. Moreover, working hard and extra working hours mean that urban residents have very short time for their family and friends. Many people have complained that

parents in the cities do not pay much attention to their children and people tend to talk less to each other.

Furthermore, people have to put up with heavy pollution in the city. There are many kinds of pollution such as air, water, land, noise and even light pollution. This is understandable because there are numerous pollutants in the city. For example, exhaust fumes from vehicles or emissions from factories are the main causes of air pollution. Pollution is detrimental to human health. It can create some incurable diseases for people such as lung cancer when we inhale too much fume and dust.

Another serious problem is unemployment, while many people move to the city with hope of finding a job, their dreams turn sour due to the competitive job market. In the city the demand for the quality of workforce is getting higher and higher. Poorly-trained workers from rural areas may become jobless in the city.

In conclusion, should people want to move from the countryside to the urban areas, they have to consider all the advantages and disadvantages before making up their mind.

Statements	True	False
31. There are more opportunities for people living in the urban areas than in the countryside.		
32. Although people in the city are busy, they can always have time for entertainment activities.		
33. People don't have to suffer from heavy pollution in the city.		
34. Urban residents don't have much time for their family and friends.		
35. The competitive job market in the city causes difficulties for workers with low quality to find a job.		

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

SIMPLE WAYS TO LOSE WEIGHT ON A BUDGET

Plan to Cook at home

Instead of buying costly prepared meals, which often tend to be high in calories, cook your own at home. Plan out our meals with high-fiber foods like beans and whole grains which will keep you full and are a cheaper, healthier alternative to rich proteins and more processed grains.

Eat less

Eating less leads to weight loss, and cost savings, especially if you cut down on the right things. Start by cutting your portions of spicy meat and poultry. Or swap out meat and poultry for cheaper vegetarian proteins like beans, lentils, tofu, and eggs for some of your meals.

Double Up on Vegetables

Vegetables are great for weight loss, as well as all-around health. They are low in calories and high in water and fiber - two things that keep you feeling full. Save cash by shopping for those that are in season. Frozen vegetables can be a great bargain, with just as much nutrition as fresh since they are picked and frozen at their peak ripeness.

Get creative with your exercise options

You don't need to **shell out** a monthly gym fee to get moving. Instead, find fun activities you enjoy for free. If you're just getting started with a regular exercise routine, try beginning with daily walks: start slowly and build up time and speed.

Make friends with someone

One of the most powerful resources you have for helping you lose weight is your social network. Find a friend who is also trying to lose weight and agree to help each other stay motivated. One study found that when friends participated in a group weight-loss programme together, they lost more weight than people who did the same programme on their own.

36. The advantage of cooking at home is _____.

- A. to plan out your costly prepared meals
- B. to choose foods that keep you full and are cheaper
- C. to enjoy a variety of rich proteins and more processed grains
- D. to have food that is high in calories

37. In order to cut down on your daily calories, you should do all the following things EXCEPT _____.

- A. eat less meat and poultry
- B. cut down on animal proteins for some of your meals
- C. follow vegetarian diets for your meals
- D. eat more beans, lentils, tofu and eggs

38. All of the following are true about vegetables EXCEPT that _____.

- A. frozen vegetables are not good for your health
- B. you feel healthier and save money with fresh vegetables in season
- C. vegetables can keep you feeling full
- D. they help you lose weight effectively

39. We can infer from the article that _____.

- A. you should find fun activities at the gym and follow them
 - B. frozen vegetables are not good for your health
 - C. a partner can make you feel more motivated to lose weight
 - D. you should join a social network instead of going to a gym
40. The phrase “**shell out**” is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. become more interesting in something
 - B. take someone out of a shell
 - C. peel something out
 - D. pay money for something

WRITING

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original one.

41. You don't want to get sick, you should eat more healthily.
- A. If you want to get sick, you should eat more healthily.
 - B. Unless you don't want to get sick, you should eat more healthily.
 - C. Unless you want to get sick, you should eat more healthily.
 - D. Unless you want to get sick, you shouldn't eat more healthily.
42. As my father gets older, he wants to travel less.
- A. The older my father get, the less he want to travel.
 - B. The old my father get, the less he wants to travel.
 - C. The older my father gets, the less he wants to travel.
 - D. When my father gets older, the less he want to travel.
43. My father used to play football when he was young.
- A. My father doesn't play football when he was young.
 - B. My father doesn't play football anymore.
 - C. My father play football anymore.
 - D. My father doesn't play football anymore when he was young.
44. Read more books. You can broaden your knowledge.
- A. If you read more books, you can broaden your knowledge.
 - B. If you read more books, you can't broaden your knowledge.
 - C. Unless you read more books, you can broaden your knowledge.
 - D. If you don't read books, you can broaden your knowledge.
45. She promised to meet me at the cinema this evening, but she didn't arrive.
- A. She promised to meet me at the cinema this evening, but she didn't turn on.

- B. She promised to meet me at the cinema this evening, but she didn't turn up.
C. She promised to meet me at the cinema this evening, but she didn't turn off.
D. She promised to meet me at the cinema this evening, but she didn't turn around.
46. Living in the city is much more expensive than living in the countryside.
A. Living in the countryside is much more cheaper than living in the city.
B. Living in the countryside is much as cheaper as living in the city.
C. Living in the countryside is much cheaper than living in the city.
D. Living in the countryside is a bit cheaper than living in the city.
47. Have Mike and Lisa decided where they should have their dinner?
A. Have Mike and Lisa decided where to have their dinner?
B. Have Mike and Lisa decided where should have their dinner?
C. Have Mike and Lisa decided where should they have their dinner?
D. Have Mike and Lisa decided where their dinner to have?
48. Jim always wants to know whether he should study abroad or not.
A. Jim always wants to know whether he study abroad or not.
B. Jim always wants to know whether studying abroad or not.
C. Jim always want to know whether to study abroad or not.
D. Jim always wants to know whether to study abroad or not.
49. Work harder or you will lose your job.
A. Unless you don't work harder, you will lose your job.
B. If you work harder, you will lose your job.
C. If you don't work harder, you will lose your job.
D. If you don't work harder, you will not lose your job.
50. Save money from now and you can reward yourself with a long vacation at the end of the year.
A. If you saved money from now, you can reward yourself with a long vacation at the end of the year.
B. If you save money from now, you can reward yourself with a long vacation at the end of the year.
C. If you save money from now, you could reward yourself with a long vacation at the end of the year.
D. If you saving money from now, you will reward yourself with a long vacation at the end of the year.

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1. A 2. C 3. D 4. B 5. C 6. French-styled 7. 36 traditional 8. Ly 9. cultural 10. unique
11. B 12. D 13. B 14. A 15. B 16. B 17. A 18. B 19. A 20. B 21. C 22. B 23. C
24. A 25. A 26. A 27. B 28. A 29. D 30. C 31. T 32. F 33. F 34. T 35. T 36. B
37. C 38. A 39. C 40. D 41. C 42. C 43. B 44. A 45. B 46. C 47. A 48. D 49. C
50. B

LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

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Emma: Hey, did you hear about the new club starting next month?

Danny: No, what kind of club is it?

Emma: It's a photography club. I heard they're going to teach us how to take professional-quality photos.

Danny: That sounds awesome! I've always wanted to learn more about photography.

Emma: Yeah, me too. I think it'll be a lot of fun.

Danny: Are you going to join?

Emma: Definitely. How about you?

Danny: Count me in! We can learn together.

Emma: Great! Oh, by the way, do you know about the community service project Mrs. Johnson mentioned in class?

Danny: Yeah, she said we could volunteer at the local animal shelter.

Emma: That's a fantastic idea. I love animals.

Danny: Me too. Let's sign up together.

Emma: Absolutely. Speaking of school activities, have you bought your ticket for the school play yet? **Danny:** Not yet. When is it?

Emma: It's next Friday. I heard it's going to be really entertaining.

Danny: I'll get my ticket tomorrow. Are you going?

Emma: Of course! I wouldn't miss it for anything.

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