

Task 1. Listen and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or false (F).

6. What is one of the main causes of pollution in big cities?
 - A. Lack of green spaces
 - B. Excessive rainfall
 - C. High number of vehicles
 - D. Noise from construction sites
7. How do industrial activities affect big cities?
 - A. They improve air quality
 - B. They emit pollutants into the air and water
 - C. They increase green spaces
 - D. They reduce traffic congestion
8. What is a common problem in cities like Beijing and New Delhi?
 - A. Frequent earthquakes
 - B. High levels of noise pollution
 - C. Smog reducing visibility
 - D. Lack of clean water
9. What challenge do many cities face regarding waste management?
 - A. Excessive recycling
 - B. Handling large amounts of waste
 - C. Overproduction of renewable energy
 - D. Too many public transportation options
10. Which measure is mentioned as a way to combat pollution?
 - A. Building more factories
 - B. Increasing the number of vehicles
 - C. Promoting public transportation
 - D. Encouraging the use of plastic bags

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.

11. A. reduction B. popular C. financial D. romantic
12. A. figure B. pressure C. assure D. leisure

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.

13. A. hotel B. lighthouse C. heritage D. hour
14. A. wonders B. conducts C. returns D. wanders

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

15. All of my teachers, friends and relatives are asking me continually what careers I am interested in and I'm struggling to _____ a decision.

- A. offer B. make C. take D. do

16. I had no idea _____ to write my home paper about.

- A. which B. why C. when D. what

17. The people who repair electrical problems in homes and buildings are _____.

- A. electricians B. police officers C. fireman D. mechanic

18. The students didn't know _____ to do to deal with the problem.

- A. what B. why C. where D. when

19. He wasn't able to cope _____ the stresses and strains of the job.

- A. with B. to C. about D. on

20. I was _____ that you could stay.

- A. delighted B. tense C. stressed D. embarrassed

21. Nam didn't know _____ to find more information about the course.

- A. while B. where C. why D. what

22. "Do you _____ your new classmate, or do you two argue?"

- A. get on with B. keep up with C. look forward to D. face up to

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.

23. We will **join in** the Christmas event in our class.

- A. interested in B. work in C. take part in D. take in

24. At weekends the city is always **packed** with people.

- A. polluted B. noisy C. crowded D. busy

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.

25. Doing morning exercises is an (a) exciting activity for students.

- A. boring B. happy C. hard D. interesting

26. Can you please turn up the volume? I can't hear anything.

- A. turn on B. turn off C. turn down D. turn into

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

27. I used to having a very good time with my grandparents when I was a child.

- A. to having B. time C. grandparents D. was

28. I wish I can go to see all the wonders which have been recognised by UNESCO.

- A. can go B. wonders C. have D. recognised

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

29. "Do you mind if I watch TV late tonight?" - " _____ "

- A. I'd rather not. I have to get up early tomorrow.
B. Please, don't. I can't sleep with a TV on.
C. Yes. You can watch it as long as you want.
D. Yes, you mind. I also want to watch the football match tonight.

30. Sarah: "Oh my God, I've missed my bus." - Christ: " _____ ". Another will come here in ten minutes."

- A. I hope so B. Don't mention it
C. Don't worry D. Thank you

READING

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.

Teenagers today live in a very competitive world. It is (31) _____ important than ever to succeed at school if you hope to have a chance in the job market afterwards. It's no wonder that many young people worry (32) _____ letting down their parents, their peers and themselves. To try to please everyone, they take on too many tasks until it becomes harder and harder to balance homework assignments, parties, sports activities and friends. The result is that young people (33) _____ from stress.

There are different ways of dealing with stress. Everyone knows that caffeine, in the form of coffee or soft drinks, keeps you awake and alert. But caffeine is a drug which can become

addictive. In the end, like other drugs, caffeine only leads to more stress. There are better (34) _____ to deal with stress: physical exercise is a good release for stress because it increases certain chemicals in the brain which calm you down. You have to get enough sleep to (35) _____ stress and to stay healthy and full of energy.

31. A. more	B. most	C. rather	D. prefer
32. A. up	B. on	C. about	D. with
33. A. relax	B. suffer	C. differ	D. prevent
34. A. ways	B. way	C. thing	D. things
35. A. avoiding	B. avoid	C. get	D. getting

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

School

British teenagers spend most of their time at school. Students in Britain can leave school at sixteen (grade 11). This is also the age when most students take their first important exams, the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education). Most teens take between 5-10 subjects, which means a lot of studying. They are spending more time on homework than teenagers ever before. Forget watching TV, teenagers in Britain now spend 2-3 hours on homework after school.

School uniform

Visit almost any school in Britain and the first thing you'll notice is the school uniform. Although school uniform has its advantages, when they are 15 or 16, most teenagers are tired of wearing it. When there is more than one school in a town, school uniforms can **highlight** differences between schools. In London there are many cases of bullying and fighting between pupils from different schools.

In Britain, some teens judge you by the shirt or trainers you are wearing. 40% of British teenagers believe it's important to wear designer labels. If you want to follow the crowd, you need to wear trendy labels. Teenage feet in Britain wear fashionable trainers and the more expensive, the better.

41. What do most teenagers in Britain prefer to wear?

- A. economical trainers B. expensive uniforms
C. fashionable hats D. trendy labels

42. The word 'highlight' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. remark B. emphasize C. confuse D. decrease

43. Most students in Britain take the GCSE when _____.

- A. they are 16 years old B. they are 11 years old
C. they finish grade 10 D. they begin grade 12

44. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. Most British teenagers spend 2-3 hours watching TV after school.
B. Students in Britain can take 8 subjects at the GCSE.
C. Many British teenagers judge their friends by their shirts or trainers.
D. Most 16-year-old students in Britain don't like school uniform.

45. What is the first thing you'll notice when you visit almost any school in Britain?

- A. the school uniform B. the school playground
C. the school gate D. the school logo

WRITING

Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning, using the word given

46. After leaving college, he started his own business with a bank loan. (set)

47. My mother no longer cooked for me since I married my wife. (used)

48. I will return to Hoi An to have another week of adventure this summer. (come)

49. Finish your homework or you can't go out with your friend. (if)

50. I have no idea where I should go for a walk. (to)

Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first one.

46. They often went to school by bike when they were young.

→ They used

47. It's a pity I can't cook as well as my mom.

→ I wish

48. I'm really excited about the upcoming pottery workshop.

→ I'm looking

49. She has taught her children to play the piano for 4 years.

→ She started

50. As I get older, I want to travel less.

→ The older

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16. D 17. A 18. A 19. A 20. A 21. B 22. A 23. C 24. C 25. A 26. C 27. A 28. A
29. A 30. C 31. A 32. C 33. B 34. A 35. B 36. D 37. B 38. A 39. A 40. A O

41. After leaving college, he set up his own business with a bank loan.

42. My mother used to cook for me.

43. I will come back to Hoi An to have another week of adventure this summer.

44. If you don't finish your homework, you can't go out with your friend.

45. I have no idea where to go for a walk.

46. They used to go to school by bike when they were young.

47. I wish I could cook as well as my mom.

48. I'm looking forward to the upcoming pottery workshop.

49. She started teaching her children to play the piano 4 years ago.

50. The older I get, the less I want to travel.

LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

Task 1. Listen and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Managing schoolwork can be challenging for many students, especially with the increasing demands of homework and projects. One important aspect of handling schoolwork effectively is organizing tasks. Keeping a planner or a digital calendar can help students track their assignments and deadlines. It is also useful to break larger tasks into smaller, manageable parts to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Another key to success is maintaining a consistent study schedule. Setting aside regular times each day for studying can help students stay on top of their work and avoid last-minute cramming. Additionally, staying engaged in class and asking questions when something is unclear can improve understanding and reduce stress. However, balancing schoolwork with other activities is also essential. Overloading on academic work without making time for relaxation and hobbies can lead to burnout. Therefore, finding a good balance between school responsibilities and personal time is crucial for maintaining overall well-being.

Task 2. Listen to the talk about pollution in big cities then choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Pollution is a significant problem in many big cities around the world. One of the main causes of pollution is the large number of vehicles on the roads. Cars, trucks, and buses release harmful gases into the air, which can lead to respiratory problems for city residents. Industrial activities also contribute to pollution. Factories often emit pollutants into the air and water, affecting not only human health but also the environment. In cities like Beijing and New Delhi, smog is a common occurrence, reducing visibility and causing health issues for millions of people. Another factor contributing to pollution is waste management. Many cities struggle to handle the vast amount of waste generated daily. Inadequate disposal systems lead to littering and water contamination, further exacerbating the pollution problem. To combat pollution, cities are implementing various measures. These include promoting public transportation, increasing green spaces, and encouraging the use of renewable energy sources. Individuals can also contribute by reducing their carbon footprint, recycling, and supporting eco-friendly initiatives. Only through collective effort can we hope to reduce pollution and create healthier urban environments.