

LISTENING

Task 1: Listen to the passage and decide whether the following statements are True or False.

1. The conical hat is mainly made in the southern part of Vietnam.

A. True B. False

2. Palm leaves are used in making the conical hat.

A. True B. False

3. The bamboo frame is in the shape of a cylinder.

A. True B. False

4. The hat can be decorated with pictures and poems.

A. True B. False

5. It usually takes a few minutes to make a conical hat.

A. True B. False

Task 2: Listen to the passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question.

6. What is one strategy mentioned for reducing stress before an exam?

- A. Studying only the night before
- B. Creating a study schedule
- C. Avoiding all breaks during study sessions
- D. Eating junk food

7. Why is getting enough sleep important before an exam?

- A. It helps increase anxiety
- B. It makes you forget information
- C. It reduces your ability to concentrate
- D. It helps reduce anxiety and improve concentration

8. How can physical activity help reduce stress?

- A. By making you feel tired
- B. By releasing endorphins
- C. By taking up your study time
- D. By increasing stress levels

9. Which relaxation technique is mentioned in the passage?

- A. Listening to music
- B. Watching television

- ## LANGUAGE FOCUS

Trang 2

A. were using B. are using C. used D. have used

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined words or phrases that need correcting.

25. As the black cloud is coming, I think it is going to rain hardly soon.

A. As B. is coming C. is going to rain D. hardly

26. I like jeans because they are never on of fashion.

A. jeans B. they are C. on D. of fashion

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

27. It will be fine tomorrow. But if it should rain tomorrow, the match will be postponed.

A. taken off B. sold off C. put off D. turned off

28. If the headmaster were here, he would sign your papers immediately.

A. right ahead B. currently C. formerly D. right away

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

29. The plane landed safely.

A. took down B. took off C. went off D. went up

30. They have not made any effort to integrate with the local community.

A. cooperate B. put together C. separate D. connected

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

31. Nga: "I can't join the trip to Bat Trang with you all." - Trang: "_____"

A. That's awesome! B. What a pity!
C. How was that? D. How do you go there?

32. Sue: "I'm going to Hue this weekend. Have you got any tips?" - Jack: "_____"

A. No, not at all. B. Great, you should go there.
C. Don't bother going to the museums D. of fashion

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.

Spectacular and (33) _____ Niagara Falls has always been especially popular with two kinds of visitors: thrill-seekers and honeymooners. It's easy to see (34) _____ the thrill-seekers have visited Niagara. In 1859, Frenchman Jean Francois Gravelet, known (35) _____ "the Great Blondin," became the first person to cross the falls on a tightrope.

Not satisfied with this achievement, he made the trip again, this time with his manager on his back! In 1901, a school-teacher, Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor, became the first person to cross over the falls in a barrel. It's less easy to see why so many newlyweds feel they have to begin married life with the falls. We do, however, know when and how this tradition got started: In 1803, Jerome Bonaparte, a nephew of Napoleon, visited Niagara Falls with his bride. You don't, of course, have to be a newlywed to visit Niagara (and you shouldn't be a thrill-seeker, (36) _____ stunts are now illegal). Each year many people visit from either the American side (37) _____ the Canadian side. A boat called Maid, of the Mist will take you right out to the falls!

33. A. beautify	B. beautiful	C. beautifully	D. beauty
34. A. what	B. how	C. when	D. why
35. A. is	B. as	C. was	D. like
36. A. why	B. since	C. so	D. when
37. A. like	B. nor	C. or	D. as

Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D for each question.

Every nation and every country has its own customs and traditions. In Britain, traditions play a more important part in the life of the people than in other countries. Englishmen are proud of their traditions and carefully keep them up.

It has been the law for about 300 years that all theatres are closed on Sundays. No letters are delivered; only a few Sunday papers are published.

To this day an English family prefers a house with a garden to a flat or a modern house with central heating. English people like gardens. Sometimes the garden in front of the house is a little square covered with a cement-painted garden in imitation of grass and a box of flowers.

Holidays are especially rich in old traditions and are different in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. Christmas is a great English national holiday, and in Scotland **it** is not kept, except by clerks in banks, all shops and factories are working.

38. What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Englishmen's Hobbies
- B. Traditional Life vs. Modern Life
- C. Traditions and Customs in Great Britain
- D. The Importance of Traditions and Customs

39. How important are traditions in Britain?

- A. It is somewhat important.
- B. It is rather important.

C. It is more important than in other countries.

D. It is slightly important.

40. In Great Britain, _____.

A. all shops and factories are working at Christmas.

B. all theatres are closed on Sundays

C. a garden in front of the house is a little square covered with a cement-painted garden in imitation of grass and a box of flowers.

D. only a few papers have been published.

41. The word “it” in the last paragraph refers to _____.

A. old traditions

B. a national holiday

C. Christmas

D. England

42. Which of the following is not true?

A. In Scotland Christmas is a great national holiday.

B. In Great Britain, all theatres are closed on Sundays.

C. English families like a house with a garden better than a modern flat.

D. In Great Britain, a postman doesn't work on Sundays.

WRITING

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues.

43. Jim/ be/ confused/ because/ he/ not/ sure/ what/ do/ now.

A. Jim is confused because he is not sure what to do now.

B. Jim is confused because he is not sure what doing now.

C. Jim was confused because he is not sure what to do now.

D. Jim was confused because he was not sure what to do now.

44. Peter/ suggest/ listen/ to/ radio/ instead/ watch/ TV.

A. Peter suggested to listen to the radio instead of watching TV.

B. Peter suggested to listen to the radio instead for watching TV.

C. Peter suggested listening to the radio instead to watching TV.

D. Peter suggested listening to the radio instead of watching TV.

45. It/ widely/ believe/ that/ ghosts/ really/ exist.

A. It is widely believe that ghosts really exists.

B. It is widely believe that ghosts really existed.

C. It is widely believed that ghosts really exist.

D. It was widely believed that ghosts really exist.

46. Tuan/ wish/ there/ be/ no more/ family/ violence/ the world.

- A. Tuan wishes there were no more family violence in the world.
- B. Tuan wishes there is no more family violence in the world.
- C. Tuan wishes there are no more family violence in the world.
- D. Tuan wishes there weren't no more family violence in the world.

Choose the correct sentence A, B, C, or D which has the same meaning as the given one.

47. He got rid of drinking two years ago.
- A. He gave up drinking two years ago.
 - B. He kept up drinking two years ago.
 - C. He took up drinking two years ago.
 - D. He held up drinking two years ago.
48. We'll have to phone you first. Then we'll organize the trip.
- A. We'll have to organize the trip before we phone you.
 - B. We'll have to phone you first before we organize the trip.
 - C. Before we organize the trip, we won't have to phone you first.
 - D. Before we have to phone you first, we'll organize the trip.
49. "Would you like to come on a picnic with us?" Mike said to me.
- A. Mike invite me to come on a picnic with him.
 - B. Mike invited me to come on a picnic with him.
 - C. Mike invited me coming on a picnic with him.
 - D. Mike invited me to coming on a picnic with him.
50. "She was very upset at first but she's fine now." She said
- A. She said she has been very upset at first, but she was fine then.
 - B. She said that she was very upset at first, but she is fine then.
 - C. She said she had been very upset at first, but she was fine now.
 - D. She said she had been very upset at first, but she was fine then.

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

LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

Task 1: Listen to the passage and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

Making a conical hat, or "nón lá," is a traditional craft in Vietnam, particularly popular in the Hue region. This type of hat is both practical and symbolic, providing protection from the sun and rain while representing Vietnamese culture.

The process of making a conical hat involves several steps. First, the craftsman selects the leaves, usually palm leaves, which are then sun-dried to enhance their durability. Next, the leaves are ironed to smooth out any wrinkles. Once the leaves are ready, they are arranged onto a conical frame made from bamboo.

The frame consists of thin bamboo strips that form a circular shape, gradually getting smaller towards the top, creating the iconic conical shape. The leaves are carefully sewn onto the frame with a special kind of thread that is both strong and lightweight.

After attaching the leaves, the hat is decorated with colorful thread or even poems and pictures placed between two layers of leaves. Finally, a coat of oil is applied to the hat to make it water-resistant and shiny. The entire process requires great skill and patience, often taking several hours to complete a single hat.

Task 2: Listen to the passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question.

Exams can be a stressful time for many students, but there are several strategies you can use to reduce stress and perform your best. First, it is essential to create a study schedule that allows you to review all necessary material without cramming at the last minute. By breaking your study sessions into manageable chunks and taking regular breaks, you can keep your mind fresh and retain information better.

Another important tip is to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Ensure you get enough sleep each night, as lack of sleep can increase anxiety and reduce your ability to concentrate. Eating nutritious meals and staying hydrated will also help keep your energy levels up and improve your focus.

Physical activity is another effective way to reduce stress. Even a short walk or some light exercise can release endorphins, which are natural mood lifters. Consider incorporating regular exercise into your routine, especially during exam periods.

Practicing relaxation techniques such as deep breathing or meditation can also be beneficial. Taking a few minutes to breathe deeply and clear your mind can help calm your nerves and increase your confidence before an exam.

Finally, it is important to stay positive and remind yourself of your strengths. Believe in your abilities and focus on the progress you have made rather than worrying about the outcome. With the right approach, you can manage exam stress and perform to the best of your ability.