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Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

- Question 1: A. grate                      B. staple                      C. marinate                      D. ballot  
Question 2: A. national                      B. examination                      C. primary                      D. language

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3: A. admit                      B. dissolve                      C. require                      D. swallow  
Question 4: A. loyalty                      B. expression                      C. thoughtfulness                      D. confidence

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.

Question 5: The new candidate for the party is still an unknown quantity.

- A. a mischievous person                      B. a mysterious person  
C. a vicious person                      D. a calculating person

Question 6: The actress said she had become immune to criticism after ten years in the showbiz.

- A. lacking in                      B. unaware of                      C. unaffected by                      D. deficient in

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

Question 7: The sky is bright because molecules and particles in the air scatter sunlight.

- A. distribute                      B. spread                      C. gather                      D. conceal

Question 8: Matthew should think himself lucky not to have been seriously injured in the crash.

- A. be relieved                      B. be enthusiastic                      C. be ungrateful                      D. be dissatisfied

Mark the letter A, B, C, or on your answer sheet to indicate the corrected answer to each other following questions.

Question 9: Compressed air is \_\_\_\_\_ air brakes, pneumatic tools, and other machinery.

- A. used to powering                      B. to use powering  
C. used to power                      D. in use of powering

Question 10: The work of a social worker is ideally \_\_\_\_\_ to your personality and qualifications.

- A. designed                      B. agreed                      C. suited                      D. fitted

Question 11: Since the two players are still under 18, they are not \_\_\_\_\_ for the contest.

- A. eligible                      B. illegible                      C. legitimate                      D. legible

Question 12: \_\_\_\_\_ gene in the human genome were more completely understood, many human diseases could be cured or prevented.

- A. Each                      B. If each                      C. Since each                      D. Were each

Question 13: No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ than Gregory \_\_\_\_\_ ill.

- A. had he arrived/ falls                      B. had he arrived/ fell  
C. he arrives/ has fallen                      D. he arrived/ will fall

Question 14: We'll get home more quickly if we \_\_\_\_\_ this field.

- A. cut out                      B. cut down                      C. cut off                      D. cut across

Question 15: Many passengers were sleeping, \_\_\_\_\_ unaware that the ship was sinking.

- A. sensibly                      B. soundly                      C. directly                      D. blissfully

Question 16: A baby's first teeth \_\_\_\_\_ are generally the lower incisors.

- A. to appear                      B. appear                      C. in appearing                      D. appeared

Question 17: He was \_\_\_\_\_ broke after the collapse of the pyramid scheme he had invested in.

- A. flat                      B. desperate                      C. clean                      D. dead

Question 18: \_\_\_\_\_ radar images of Venus add details about a planet dominated by volcanoes.

- A. an                      B. a                      C. the                      D. Ø ( no article)

- Question 19: The cherry is one of the only fruits that will not \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. ripen                                      B. ripe                                      C. ripened                                      D. ripening
- Question 20: \_\_\_\_\_ my warning of the cold weather, he went out without his coat on.  
 A. Although                                      B. However                                      C. Despite                                      D. Since
- Question 21: It was an eventful year. There \_\_\_\_\_ many breakthroughs in the medicine industry.  
 A. are                                      B. have been                                      C. had been                                      D. will be
- Question 22: Your cousins used to visit you quite often, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. didn't they                                      B. don't they                                      C. wouldn't they                                      D. hadn't they
- Question 23: Is this proposal acceptable \_\_\_\_\_ both parties?  
 A. by                                      B. for                                      C. to                                      D. with

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option the best completes the following exchanges.**

- Question 24: Donald and Mike are playing football.  
 - Donald: "Mike, get your head in the match or we will lose!"  
 - Mike: "\_\_\_\_\_!"  
 A. Pardon                                      B. It's no secret  
 C. Ever so sorry                                      D. As luck would have it
- Question 25: Mary is at a department store.  
 - Mary: "Excuse me, where could I find the Lemongrass Hibiscus Green Tea?"  
 - The store assistant: "\_\_\_\_\_"  
 A. Sorry, it's in stock at the moment.                                      B. How would you like to pay?  
 C. It's been discontinued, I'm afraid.                                      D. You can manage yourself, thank you!

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.**

Towards the end of October, volunteers begin selling artificial poppy flowers. These are worn in the time (26) \_\_\_\_\_ up to Remembrance Sunday, around November 11th. The flowers remind us of those who served their country in armed conflict, (27) \_\_\_\_\_ their sale also raises money for those affected by war. The red poppy is officially known as *Papaver rhoeas*, and is (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a weed. Its seeds can lie dormant in the soil for up to 100 years until the earth is (29) \_\_\_\_\_, for example, by a tractor ploughing the fields. The association with remembrance began when the bombing of First World War battlefields brought buried poppy seeds to the surface, allowing them to flower in great numbers. The powerful image was used in a war poem by John McCrae in 1915, and the red poppy remains a(n) (30) \_\_\_\_\_ symbol over a century later.

- Question 26: A. getting                                      B. leading                                      C. moving                                      D. going
- Question 27: A. because                                      B. so that                                      C. while                                      D. otherwise
- Question 28: A. considered                                      B. believed                                      C. perceived                                      D. treated
- Question 29: A. interrupted                                      B. disturbed                                      C. established                                      D. prevented
- Question 30: A. determined                                      B. flexible                                      C. enduring                                      D. decisive

**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 from 31 to 35.**

Coffee, one of the world's most widely consumed beverages, was not always so popular. At times a carefully guarded secret, at others a banned drink, it has spread from its place of origin in Ethiopia to every corner of the world.

According to legend, coffee was discovered in the 9th century by an Ethiopian goatherd. From Ethiopia coffee moved to Yemen, where it was cultivated for centuries before it arrived in Turkey in the 15th century. In Turkey the seeds were roasted and then mashed and mixed with water, creating a beverage similar to modern coffee.

Introduced to Europe in the 17th century thanks to Italian traders, coffee had sailed to India and Indonesia with Dutch merchants by the beginning of the 18th century. Coffee made its way to Brazil in 1727, hidden in a bouquet of flowers, and quickly spread throughout the rest of Latin America, and by 1823 had spread to Hawaii. In 1893 coffee returned home to Africa where **it** settled as a lucrative cash crop in Kenya and Tanzania. After almost a millennium of travelling, coffee had circumnavigated the globe.

Today, Brazil is the largest producer of this important commodity, harvesting more than 1 billion kilograms annually. Vietnam, which did not start growing coffee until 1914, is among the largest producers. Two types of coffee are produced worldwide, Arabica and Robusta. Arabica, which takes its name from its origins in the Arabian peninsula, accounts for three-quarters of world production and was once grown almost exclusively in South America. Robusta, which has a higher caffeine content, accounts for one quarter of

world production and is found mainly in Africa and Asia, where its **hardiness** can withstand a broader range of climates better than Arabica.

Question 31: What is the primary purpose of the text?

- A. To explain why coffee is so popular.
- B. To disprove any myths regarding the discovery of coffee.
- C. To describe how coffee is used in different countries.
- D. To outline how coffee became an international drink.

Question 32: According to the text, what is true about coffee?

- A. It spread after being banned in Ethiopia.
- B. It got its modern form from the Ethiopians.
- C. It was first grown by a goatherd.
- D. It was prohibited at some time in the past.

Question 33: What can be inferred about the introduction of coffee to Brazil?

- A. It travelled there through Latin America.
- B. The plant was originally introduced as a flower.
- C. It was brought into the country in secrecy.
- D. It travelled there as a product of trade.

Question 34: The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. coffee
- B. Africa
- C. crop
- D. home

Question 35: The word “**hardiness**” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. elasticity
- B. endurance
- C. stamina
- D. dominance

**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 from 36 to 42.**

What makes you happier - a birthday present or a birthday party? New jeans or a day out with friends? There is a saying that money can't buy happiness. This idea is supported by economists who have found that as countries get richer, people living there do not necessarily become happier. Yet, by and large, most people would agree that if spent wisely, money can help in the pursuit of happiness. And if your funds are limited, then the question is how best to allocate them.

A logical assumption is that since material possessions last longer, purchasing things is wiser than spending money on one-off experiences, such as a trip or a concert. Research into the link between happiness and money, however, suggests the opposite is true. As Dr Thomas Gilovich, a professor of psychology at Cornell University, explains, “One of the enemies of happiness is what is called *adaptation*.” In a study, people were asked to rank their happiness after making substantial material and experiential purchases. At first, happiness with both kinds of purchases was ranked equally. Gradually, however, people's satisfaction with items they had bought began to **wane**, whereas their appreciation of experiences they had spent money on intensified.

In the long run, an object which remains in your possession wouldn't make you as happy as an isolated experience. Yet the fact that the object is ever-present is the cause of eventual **disenchantment**. The more you become adapted to **it**, the more it fades into the background. Experiences, meanwhile, as long as they are significant, become part and parcel of your identity. Even those that were stressful or frightening at the time may later be viewed as character-building and therefore valuable.

Another reason you derive more happiness from experiences is that they are often shared with others in meaningful ways. You are more likely to form a lasting friendship with someone you went hiking with than someone who owns the same smartphone. Furthermore, people rarely make negative comparisons between their experiences and those of others, whereas with material possessions, they do so all the time, which inevitably leads to envy.

For many economists, happiness is the best indicator of the health of a society. Gilovich's research has important implications not only for your individual spending choices, but also for employers who want a content workforce - they could give more paid vacation instead of bonuses, for example. As for policy makers, Gilovich believes that “they can steer large populations to the kinds of experiential pursuits that promote greater happiness” by investing more in recreational facilities.

Question 36: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Money can't buy happiness.
- B. What makes you happy?
- C. All that glitters is not gold.
- D. Are you a wise spender?

Question 37: According to paragraph 2, what has research revealed about happiness?

- A. Material possessions and experiences equally contribute to happiness.
- B. Happiness from material possessions is short-lived.
- C. People constantly need new experiences to be happy.
- D. One-off experiences that cost little bring us greater happiness.

Question 38: The word “**wane**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. disappear                      B. fade                      C. hide                      D. obscure

Question 39: The word “**disenchantment**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. disillusionment                      B. unhappiness                      C. fascination                      D. discontent

Question 40: The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an experience                      B. a disenchantment                      C. a cause                      D. an object

Question 41: What does the author say about friendships in paragraph 4?

- A. They are strengthened when friends compare experiences.  
B. They are ruined when friends compare possessions.  
C. They are often created as a result of social activities.  
D. Owing similar possessions connects us to our friends.

Question 42: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Society overall would benefit if people put less emphasis on money.  
B. Economists should focus on increasing health rather wealth for their workers.  
C. Steps can be taken to enable more people to have meaningful experiences.  
D. Employees should be allowed to choose between receiving bonuses or paid vacation.

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

Question 43: I wish (A) having an enjoyable holiday, but I (B) was not able to do (C) so because an exam (D) fell on that day.

Question 44: Neither my (A) traveler’s checks nor the money you (B) gave me (C) are sufficient (D) to pay for the opera tickets.

Question 45: (A) By making objects appear and disappear, (B) magicians can (C) generate (D) allusions.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheer to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

Question 46: Everyone was surprised that the film star had very little money when he died.

- A. That the film star had very little money when he died was surprised to everyone.  
B. The film star had very little money when he died, which was a surprise to everyone.  
C. It came as no surprise to everyone that the film star had very little money when he died.  
D. It is surprising to everyone that the film star had very little money when he died.

Question 47: Jane thought the woman in front of her was her aunt.

- A. Jane took up the woman in front of her as her aunt.  
B. It was believed that Jane’s aunt was sitting in front of her.  
C. The woman sitting in front of Jane can’t have been her aunt.  
D. Jane took the woman in front of her for her aunt.

Question 48: Don’t call me at work, whatever you do.

- A. On no occasion should you make phone calls at work.  
B. Under no circumstances should you call me at work.  
C. Should you happen to have time, call me at work.  
D. In no way will I call you at work.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.**

Question 49: I was absent from class yesterday. I was under the weather.

- A. Because I was absent from class yesterday, I was under the weather.  
B. In spite of being under the weather, I did come to class yesterday.  
C. Because of my sickness, I was absent from class yesterday.  
D. If I had not been sick, I would have been absent from class yesterday.

Question 50: She left home as soon as she could. She wanted to be sure of catching the train.

- A. She left home as soon as she could with a view to missing the train.  
B. Leaving home as soon as she could, she was able to catch the train.  
C. She left home as soon as she could in order not to miss the train.  
D. She left home as so as she could, but she was not sure of catching the train.