

Họ, tên thí sinh:

Mã đề thi 408

Số báo danh:

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 1: A. borrow B. involve C. discuss D. explain

Question 2: A. argument B. apartment C. benefit D. vacancy

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 3: A. great B. cheap C. clean D. mean

Question 4: A. improves B. destroys C. suggests D. reminds

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 5: The research findings were reliable since modern technology was used to increase the precision of the sampling procedure.

A. insecurity B. exactness C. inaccuracy D. flexibility

Question 6: Despite the traffic hold-ups, we were able to arrive at the airport in the nick of time just before the check-in counter closed.

A. at the very last moment B. with all our luggage
C. in a terrible condition D. with much time to spare

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

Question 7: There is an increase in the prevalence of electronic books as more people are turning to digitalised reading materials.

A. scarcity B. intensity C. deficiency D. popularity

Question 8: Heavily contaminated with wastes from nearby factories, the water in this river is not suitable for daily use.

A. deadly B. pure C. cleaned D. polluted

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

Question 9: *Despacito*, _____ over four billion times on YouTube, is one of the most favourite songs among teenagers worldwide.

A. which viewed B. is viewed C. viewed D. viewing

Question 10: Adrian got surprisingly high grades in the final exam. He _____ his lessons very carefully.

A. must have revised B. can't have revised C. would have revised D. needn't have revised

Question 11: The school drama club is _____ a play for the school's anniversary, which is due to take place next month.

A. bringing down B. turning up C. making off D. putting on

Question 12: Sue rarely misses a chance to do voluntary work, _____?

A. doesn't she B. isn't she C. is she D. does she

Question 13: If he didn't have to work today, he _____ his children to the zoo.

A. has taken B. will take C. takes D. would take

Question 14: Maria decided _____ her education after a gap year.

A. to continue B. continuing C. to continuing D. continue

Question 15: Only after the bus _____ for a few miles did Jane realise she was on the wrong route.

A. was running B. had run C. has run D. runs

Question 16: We know that we are at fault for our third consecutive defeat, so there is no need to _____ salt into the wound.

- A. put B. rub C. spread D. apply

Question 17: Many people head for the countryside where the flat _____ of fields helps them escape from the hectic city life.

- A. expanse B. extent C. expansion D. extension

Question 18: The students' plan for a musical show to raise money for charity received _____ support from the school administrators.

- A. warm-hearted B. big-hearted C. light-hearted D. whole-hearted

Question 19: It is believed that travelling is a good way to expand our _____ of the world.

- A. knowledgeable B. know C. knowledge D. knowledgeably

Question 20: Parents often advise their children to study hard in the hope that they will _____ success in the future.

- A. achieve B. master C. collect D. gather

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 21: John and Mike are talking about Mike's new car.

- John: " _____ "

- Mike: "Thanks. I'm glad to hear that."

- A. My car is very expensive. B. Where did you buy your car?
C. What a nice car! D. Your car is new, isn't it?

Question 22: Nancy and James are talking about their school days.

- Nancy: "I think school days are the best time of our lives."

- James: " _____ . We had sweet memories together then."

- A. I'm afraid so B. I doubt it C. Absolutely D. That's nonsense

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 23: Lucy paid a visit to the local orphanage. She then decided to donate part of her savings to the children there.

- A. Lucy had hardly decided to donate part of her savings to the children when she paid a visit to the local orphanage.
B. Before she paid a visit to the local orphanage, Lucy had decided to donate part of her savings to the children there.
C. Having paid a visit to the local orphanage, Lucy decided to donate part of her savings to the children there.
D. It was only when Lucy had decided to donate part of her savings to the children that she paid a visit to the local orphanage.

Question 24: Laura practised playing the instrument a lot. She could hardly improve her performance.

- A. Had Laura practised playing the instrument a lot, she could have performed much better.
B. However much Laura practised playing the instrument, she could hardly perform any better.
C. As soon as Laura practised playing the instrument a lot, she could perform much better.
D. Hardly had Laura practised playing the instrument a lot when she could improve her performance.

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

Question 25: They report that soil pollution has seriously threatened the livelihood of many local farmers.

- A. Soil pollution is reported to have posed a serious threat to the livelihood of many local farmers.
B. It has been reported that soil pollution has actually put many local farmers' lives at risk.
C. The livelihood of many local farmers was reported to be seriously endangered by soil pollution.
D. It is reported that the livelihood of many local farmers has led to serious soil pollution.

Question 26: My friend has stopped eating fast food.

- A. My friend doesn't like eating fast food. B. My friend sometimes eats fast food.
C. My friend no longer eats fast food. D. My friend has never eaten fast food.

Question 27: "You should take better care of your health," said Tom's mother.

- A. Tom's mother promised to take better care of his health.
- B. Tom's mother ordered him to take better care of his health.
- C. Tom's mother required him to take better care of his health.
- D. Tom's mother advised him to take better care of his health.

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

Question 28: It was the year 2003 that Vietnam hosted the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games)

for the first time.

Question 29: The keynote speaker started with some complementary remarks about the organisers

of the conference, and then proceeded with her speech.

Question 30: My classmates is going on a trip to Cuc Phuong National Park this weekend.

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 31 to 35.

The knock-on effect of volunteering on the lives of individuals can be profound. Voluntary work helps foster independence and imparts the ability to deal with different situations, often simultaneously, thus teaching people how to (31)_____ their way through different systems. It therefore brings people into touch with the real world; and, hence, equips them for the future.

Initially, young adults in their late teens might not seem to have the expertise or knowledge to impart to others that say a teacher or an agriculturalist or a nurse would have, (32)_____ they do have many skills that can help others. And in the absence of any particular talent, their energy and enthusiasm can be harnessed for the benefit (33)_____ their fellow human beings, and ultimately themselves. From all this, the gain to any community no matter how many volunteers are involved is (34)_____.

Employers will generally look favorably on people (35)_____ have shown an ability to work as part of a team. It demonstrates a willingness to learn and an independent spirit, which would be desirable qualities in any employee.

(Adapted from "IELTS Testbuilder 2" by Sam McCarter)

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| Question 31: A. put | B. give | C. take | D. work |
| Question 32: A. so | B. or | C. for | D. but |
| Question 33: A. under | B. out | C. of | D. on |
| Question 34: A. unattainable | B. immeasurable | C. impassable | D. undetectable |
| Question 35: A. which | B. who | C. whose | D. what |

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.

There are many African tribes but, for many people, the Masai are the most well-known. They are famous for their bright red clothing and their ceremonies with lots of music and dancing. Probably, one of the most colorful ceremonies is the festival of "Eunoto," when the teenage boys of the Masai become men.

Eunoto lasts for many days and Masai people travel across the region to get to a special place near the border between Kenya and Tanzania. The teenage boys who travel with them are called "warriors." This is a traditional name from the past when young men fought with other tribes.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the teenagers paint their bodies while their mothers start to build a place called the "Osingira," a sacred room in the middle of the celebrations. Later, the senior elders from different tribes will sit inside this place and, at different times, the boys go inside to meet them. Later in the day, the boys run around the Osingira, going faster and faster each time.

The teenagers also have to alter their appearance at Eunoto. Masai boys' hair is very long before the ritual but they have to cut it off. In Masai culture, hair is an important symbol. For example, when a baby grows into an infant, the mother cuts the child's hair and gives the child a name. At a Masai

wedding, the hair of the bride is also cut off as she becomes a woman. And so, at Eunoto, the teenage boy's mother cuts his hair off at sunrise.

On the final day, the teenagers meet the senior elders one more time. They get this advice: "Now you are men, use your heads and knowledge." Then, people start to travel back to their homes and lands. The teenagers are no longer warriors. They are adult men and now they will get married and have children. Later in life, they will be the leaders of their communities.

(Adapted from "Life" by John Hughes, Helen Stephenson and Paul Dummett)

Question 36: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The ceremony that marks the beginning of Masai boys' adulthood
- B. The importance of Eunoto in African people's lives
- C. The journey by Masai teenage boys to the festival of Eunoto
- D. The reasons for the Masai's popularity over other African tribes

Question 37: The word "**warriors**" in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. fighters
- B. dancers
- C. travellers
- D. musicians

Question 38: The word "**them**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the boys
- B. different tribes
- C. the senior elders
- D. their mothers

Question 39: According to paragraph 3, the Osingira is built by _____.

- A. Masai teenagers
- B. Masai men
- C. the Masai senior elders
- D. the Masai teenage boys' mothers

Question 40: The word "**alter**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. change
- B. differ
- C. distinguish
- D. maintain

Question 41: According to the passage, what do the teenage boys do at Eunoto?

- A. Painting their bodies
- B. Receiving new names
- C. Changing their clothes
- D. Fighting with other tribes

Question 42: According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. The Masai teenage boys are given advice from senior elders before attending Eunoto.
- B. The Masai teenage boys will become adults and get married after attending Eunoto.
- C. Eunoto lasts for a day across the region between Kenya and Tanzania.
- D. Eunoto is the ceremony for both Masai teenage boys and girls.

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 43 to 50.

In this modern world where closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras are everywhere and smartphones in every pocket, the routine filming of everyday life is becoming pervasive. A number of countries are rolling out body cams for police officers; other public-facing agencies such as schools, councils and hospitals are also experimenting with cameras for their employees. Private citizens are getting in on the act too: cyclists increasingly wear headcams as a deterrent to aggressive drivers. As camera technology gets smaller and cheaper, it isn't hard to **envisage** a future where we're all filming everything all the time, in every direction.

Would that be a good thing? There are some obvious potential upsides. If people know they are on camera, especially when at work or using public services, they are surely less likely to misbehave. The available evidence suggests that it discourages behaviours such as vandalism. Another upside is that it would be harder to get away with crimes or to evade blame for accidents.

But a world on camera could have subtle negative effects. The deluge of data we pour into the hands of Google, Facebook and others has already proved **a mixed blessing**. Those companies would no doubt be willing to upload and curate our body-cam data for free, but at what cost to privacy and freedom of choice?

Body-cam data could also create a legal minefield. Disputes over the veracity and interpretation of police footage have already surfaced. Eventually, events not caught on camera could be treated as if they didn't happen. Alternatively, footage could be faked or doctored to dodge blame or incriminate others.

Of course, there's always the argument that if you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to fear. But most people have done something embarrassing, or even illegal, that they regret and would prefer they hadn't been caught on film. People already censor their social media feeds – or avoid doing anything incriminating in public – for fear of damaging their reputation. Would ubiquitous body cams have a further chilling effect on our freedom?

The always-on-camera world could even threaten some of the attributes that make us human. We are natural gossips and backbiters, and while those might not be desirable behaviours, they oil the wheels of our social interactions. Once people assume **they** are being filmed, they are likely to clam up.

The argument in relation to body-cam ownership is a bit like that for guns: once you go past a critical threshold, almost everyone will feel they need one as an insurance policy. We are nowhere near that point yet – but we should think hard about whether we really want to say "lights, body cam, action."

(Adapted from <https://www.newscientist.com>)

Question 43: What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Data overload experienced by social network users
- B. Legal disputes fuelled by body-cam data
- C. The ubiquity of cameras and ensuing problems
- D. The current public obsession with modern technology

Question 44: The word "**envisage**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. embrace
- B. fantasise
- C. reject
- D. visualise

Question 45: As mentioned in paragraph 2, misbehaviour can be discouraged if potential offenders _____.

- A. know that they may be subjected to criticism
- B. realise that they may be publicly punished
- C. are aware of being filmed at the time
- D. are employed in the public sector

Question 46: The phrase "**a mixed blessing**" in paragraph 3 probably means _____.

- A. something that is neither good nor bad
- B. something that has both advantages and disadvantages
- C. something that produces unexpected results
- D. something either negative or positive in nature

Question 47: What does the author imply in paragraph 3?

- A. Body-cam ownership could eventually give rise to information overload, which, in turn, raises public concern.
- B. Companies like Facebook may have their own intentions behind their willingness to take care of their users' body-cam data.
- C. Google and similar enterprises tend to refrain from harvesting their customers' data for illicit purposes.
- D. Social networks provide their users with greater freedom of choice while depriving them of their privacy and anonymity.

Question 48: It is stated in paragraph 4 that unrecorded events _____.

- A. could provoke legal disputes among media companies
- B. should be kept open to interpretation
- C. could be manipulated to charge innocent people
- D. may go unnoticed or be ignored completely

Question 49: According to paragraph 5, why do social media users already act more carefully online?

- A. Because they disapprove of uncensored social media feeds.
- B. Because they wish to protect their image.
- C. Because they want to avoid being recognised in public.
- D. Because they regret doing something illegal.

Question 50: The word "**they**" in paragraph 6 refers to _____.

- A. desirable behaviours
- B. people
- C. social interactions
- D. wheels

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