

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.

Environmental pollution is a term that refers to all the (1)_____ by which man pollutes his surroundings. Man dirties the air with gases and smoke, (2)_____ the water with chemicals and other substances, and damages the soil with too many fertilizers and (3)_____. Man also pollutes his surroundings in various other ways. Environmental pollution is one of the most serious problems facing mankind today. Air, water, and soil are necessary to the survival of all living things. Badly polluted air can cause illness, and (4)_____ death. Polluted water kills fish and other marine life. Pollution of soil (5)_____ the amount of land that is available for growing food. Environmental pollution also brings ugliness to man’s naturally beautiful world.

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| 1. A. paths | B. ways | C. streets | D. roads |
| 2. A. damages | B. provides | C. contaminates | D. supplies |
| 3. A. pollution | B. substances | C. pesticides | D. dirty |
| 4. A. so | B. moreover | C. even | D. therefore |
| 5. A. grows | B. makes up | C. increases | D. reduces |

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.

6. This year, more girls enrolled on courses in art and design.
A. avoided B. inserted C. erased D. enlisted
7. In some rural areas, women and girls are forced to do most of the housework.
A. invited B. encouraged C. made D. contributed

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

THE VANISHING INVENTION

In 1998, a Valencian professor made an amazing claim. Professor Antonio Cervilla discovered how to use water as a **substitute** for petrol. The scientist said that you could drive from Bilbao to Valencia on just half a litre of water. His invention uses a molybdenum compound to break down water into hydrogen and oxygen. Unlike other methods, no electricity is required and the reaction happens at atmospheric temperature. This impressive technology is based on the way plant enzymes break down water. The use of molybdenum is the perfect choice because, although rare, it is cheap and found all around the planet.

Since the claims were made, nothing more has been heard about this fabulous technology. There is no explanation for the disappearance anywhere on the Internet, apart from a list of similar inventions which have also **vanished**. An inventor from the Philippines called Daniel Dingel developed a water-fuelled car but was arrested and sentenced to 20 years in prison. If this technology were to become widely available, it would prove disastrous for petrol station owners and would also save the planet from the impending environmental catastrophes.

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8. The word “**substitute**” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.
A. addition B. alternative C. imitation D. solution
9. Which of the following is NOT true about Cervilla’s invention?
A. It happens at atmospheric temperature.
B. It imitates something in nature.
C. It requires no electricity.
D. It uses enzymes to break down water.
10. The word “**it**” in the passage refers to _____.
A. enzyme B. molybdenum C. petrol D. water
11. The word “**vanished**” in the passage is opposite in meaning to _____.

A. appeared B. produced C. introduced D. invented

12. It is stated in the passage that water-fuelled cars may contribute to

- A. save energy B. save environment
C. save money D. save time

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

13. Lan often arrives at the office at nine o'clock, but because the storm, she was late this morning.

A B C D

14. He never goes home before he will finish his work.

A B C D

15. The sun is so bright for us to look directly.

A B C D

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

16. - "Well, I think volunteering will bring some useful experience for our future job."

- "_____"

- A. That's also what I think. B. I'm sorry, but I have to agree.
C. I don't think so, either. D. That's unbelievable.

17. - "Let's open a small craft store to raise money for the poor villagers!"

- "_____"

- A. That's a good idea! B. Thanks, I can manage.
C. No problem. D. That's the way it is.

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.

18. A. afford B. traveller C. wildlife D. passport

19. A. resort B. expedition C. environment D. affordable

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

20. While many teachers spend some class time teaching _____ skills, students often need more social skills.

A. study B. studied C. study's D. studies

21. By the age of 15, teenagers are better able to _____ a more demanding curriculum.

A. solve B. operate C. handle D. deal

22. Tom told us that sometimes he had difficulty _____ his feelings.

A. expressing B. communicating C. sending D. talking

23. My closest friend is not very _____ and she likes having a small friend group but I like talking with a lot of people and hanging out.

A. society B. sociable C. social D. socialistic

24. Ann was raised to be very _____ on her parents, and she was _____ that she wouldn't be able to live on her own afterwards.

A. dependent – worry B. dependent – worried
C. independent – worry D. independent – worried

25. The advice columnist said, "It sounds like the problem is not your appearance but the _____ you see yourself."

A. route B. distance C. way D. behaviour

26. Miss Hoa said that unsuccessful test takers didn't know _____ the questions came from.

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

27. I want to talk to my teacher about my problems, but I have no idea _____ to start or _____ to talk to him.

A. what – where B. where – who C. why – whom D. where – how

28. Mr. Tan told us that the kids who _____ in tests often _____ the other were lucky.

A. succeed – thought B. succeed – had though

C. didn't succeed – were thinking

D. didn't succeed – thought

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.

29. A. jumpedd

B. workedd

C. picked

D. smiled

30. A. depends

B. parents

C. years

D. temples

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.

31. Global warming may lead to many negative changes, including harsher weather conditions.

A. more unbearable

B. milder

C. more extreme

D. more serious

32. The physical therapy helped Jim overcome his fear of height.

A. overwhelm

B. control

C. neglect

D. conquer

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

33. Some of the people can't find a seat in the concert hall.

A. There weren't enough seats for all the people in the concert hall.

B. There weren't enough seats even for some people in the concert hall.

C. There were enough seats for some people in the concert hall.

D. There are some people without a seat in the concert hall.

34. That car isn't beyond my means.

A. I am really interested in that car.

B. That car is too expensive for me to buy.

C. That car is cheap enough for me to buy.

D. I really do not like that car.

35. It is open to question as to whether my sister, Linda, will get the job.

A. My sister, Linda, is being interviewed for the job.

B. It is not certain that my sister, Linda, will get the job.

C. The question is whether my sister, Linda, will get the job or not.

D. If my sister, Linda, could answer the question, she would get the job

36. My father likes nothing better than playing football in his free time.

A. My father doesn't like playing football in his free time.

B. My father prefers playing football with his friends after work.

C. Playing football is my father's favourite enjoyment in his free time.

D. My father not only likes football but also other sports in his free time.

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

37. Housewives do not have to spend a lot of time doing housework any more.

A. Housework will never be done by housewives any more.

B. Housewives have to spend more and more time to do housework.

C. Never have housewives spent as much time doing housework as they do now.

D. No longer do housewives have to spend a lot of time doing housework.

38. The Prime Minister failed to explain the cause of the economic crisis. He did not offer any solutions.

A. Although the Prime Minister explained the cause of the economic crisis, he failed to offer any solutions.

B. Not only did the Prime Minister explain the cause of the economic crisis, but he also offered solutions.

C. The Prime Minister offered some solutions based on the explanation of the cause of the economic crisis.

D. The Prime Minister didn't explain the cause of the economic crisis, nor did he offer any solutions.

39. The boy was very bright. He could solve all the math problems quickly.

- A. He was such bright boy that he could solve all the math problems quickly.
 - B. The boy was very bright that he could solve all the math problems quickly.
 - C. He was so bright a boy that he could solve all the math problems quickly.
 - D. Such bright was the boy that he could solve all the math problems quickly.
40. He didn't go to his friend's wedding party. She felt so sad.
- A. He was sad because his friend didn't go to his wedding party.
 - B. He didn't go to his friend's wedding party, which made her feel sad.
 - C. He didn't go to his friend's wedding party because she was sad.
 - D. She didn't care about whether he came to her wedding party or not.

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29. D
30. B
31. B
32. A
33. D
34. C
35. B
36. C
37. D
38. D
39. C
40. B

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