

Họ, tên thí sinh:

Mã đề thi 404

Số báo danh:

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

Question 1: Peter and Mary are talking about social networks.

- Peter: "Using social networks may have negative effects on students."

- Mary: "_____. It distracts them from their studies."

A. You're wrong

B. That's quite true

C. I don't quite agree

D. I'm not sure about that

Question 2: David is apologising to his teacher for being late.

- David: "Sorry I'm late! The traffic is so heavy."

- Teacher: "_____. Come in and sit down."

A. Thank you

B. You're so kind

C. Me neither

D. It's alright

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 3: I have tried hard, but it is difficult to find the **solution** to this maths problem.

A. link

B. answer

C. reply

D. relation

Question 4: Though considered the king sport in many parts of the world, soccer has never really **caught on** in the United States.

A. been consolidated

B. been active

C. become popular

D. remained silent

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: Such terrible acts of child abuse were not **ignored** thanks to the continuing protests of the online community.

A. witnessed

B. disregarded

C. unsolved

D. noticed

Question 6: Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Nina and her husband are **at odds** when it comes to child rearing.

A. under pressure

B. in conflict

C. in agreement

D. at liberty

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

Question 7: We all wish to create a friendly and supportive environment _____ to learning.

A. liable

B. accommodating

C. conducive

D. detrimental

Question 8: Nicholas had never chaired a meeting before, but he rose to the _____ yesterday when he presided over a forum.

A. occasion

B. incident

C. difficulty

D. issue

Question 9: This is _____ most interesting book I've ever read.

A. Ø

B. an

C. a

D. the

Question 10: If we are not busy this weekend, we _____ the new fruit farm in the countryside.

A. would have visited

B. would visit

C. visited

D. will visit

Question 11: I think mobile phones are _____ for people of all ages.

A. usefully

B. usage

C. use

D. useful

Question 12: It was so noisy outside that she couldn't concentrate _____ her work.

A. at

B. in

C. on

D. with

Question 13: The students were worried that they wouldn't be able to _____ the deadline for the assignment.

A. answer

B. match

C. beat

D. meet

Question 14: In spite of their disabilities, the children at Spring School manage to _____ an active social life.

- A. lead B. take C. gather D. save

Question 15: She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-peek with her friends.

- A. was playing B. played C. is playing D. had played

Question 16: _____, they get on well with each other.

- A. To quarrel a lot like most siblings at their age B. But most siblings at their age quarrel a lot
C. While most siblings at their age quarrel a lot D. For most siblings to quarrel a lot at their age

Question 17: My sister really enjoys acting as a hobby, but she doesn't want to do it for a(n) _____.

- A. survival B. occupation C. living D. existence

Question 18: I will never forget _____ to the Royal Garden Party, where superb cuisines were served amid luxurious surroundings.

- A. being invited B. to invite C. inviting D. to be invited

Question 19: If _____ with pictures and diagrams, a lesson will be more interesting and comprehensible.

- A. have illustrated B. illustrated C. was illustrated D. illustrating

Question 20: Children are encouraged to read books _____ they are a wonderful source of knowledge.

- A. although B. in spite of C. because of D. because

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 21: A. reduced B. survived C. happened D. bothered

Question 22: A. sound B. doubt C. count D. group

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 23: A. energy B. exercise C. addition D. article

Question 24: A. connect B. travel C. deny D. return

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 25: Her parents didn't attend her graduation ceremony. They regret it now.

- A. If only her parents could attend her graduation ceremony.
B. Her parents wish they had attended her graduation ceremony.
C. Her parents regret having attended her graduation ceremony.
D. If her parents attended her graduation ceremony, they would regret it.

Question 26: The coach changed his tactics in the second half. His football team won the match.

- A. Had it not been for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team wouldn't have won the match.
B. Only if the coach had changed his tactics in the second half could his football team have won the match.
C. But for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team could have won the match.
D. Not until his football team had won the match did the coach change his tactics in the second half.

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 27: The villagers are highly appreciable of the volunteers' efforts in reconstructing their houses after the devastating storm.

A B C

D

Question 28: Household chores should share among members of the family.

A B C D

Question 29: Reading books has been always my hobby since I was very young.

A B C D

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 30: "When did you start practising yoga?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom wanted to know when I was starting to practise yoga.
- B. Tom wanted to know when did I start practising yoga.
- C. Tom wanted to know when I had started practising yoga.
- D. Tom wanted to know when had I started practising yoga.

Question 31: Paul likes reading comic books more than watching cartoons.

- A. Paul likes watching cartoons more than reading comic books.
- B. Paul likes watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- C. Paul doesn't like watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- D. Paul doesn't like reading comic books as much as watching cartoons.

Question 32: I thought it was not necessary to book tickets for the film in advance, but I was wrong.

- A. I couldn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- B. I must have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- C. I should have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- D. I needn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.

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 33 to 37.

The importance of fairy tales for children

Fairy tales are the stories that adults, especially parents, tell young children. In view of their name, it is surprising that hardly any of them are actually about fairies. (33) _____ most fairy tales have happy endings, the stories usually deal with very (34) _____ situations – children abandoned in the forest, terrifying giants, cruel stepmothers. However, despite being scared when they are told the stories, children will often ask to hear them over and over again.

Many psychologists believe that what fairy tales do, in addition to (35) _____ children's imagination, is to show that there are problems in the world and that they can be overcome. Just like adults, children have fears and worries; theirs are of things such as abandonment, loss, injuries, witches. Fairy tales present real problems in a fantasy form (36) _____ children are able to understand. This, it is claimed, allows them to (37) _____ their fears and to realise, if ever in their unconscious mind, that no matter how difficult the circumstances, there are always ways of coping.

(Adapted from "Richmond Practice Tests for Cambridge English: Advanced")

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| Question 33: | A. Although | B. Despite | C. Because | D. Therefore |
| Question 34: | A. frightening | B. frighteningly | C. frighten | D. fright |
| Question 35: | A. motivating | B. stimulating | C. speculating | D. inciting |
| Question 36: | A. where | B. why | C. that | D. who |
| Question 37: | A. confront | B. alter | C. nurture | D. suffer |

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 38 to 42.

Norwich is the capital of East Anglia, an area on the east coast of England which is famous for its natural beauty and impressive architecture. Norwich is a wonderful city to explore and is popular with tourists all year round.

Norwich is not a city of luxurious hotels, but it has a good selection of reasonably priced places to stay in, both in the city centre and further out. The Beeches Hotel, for example, next to the cathedral, has a beautiful Victorian garden. Comfortable accommodation costs £65 for two nights' bed and breakfast per person. Norwich is famous for its magnificent cathedral. The cathedral has a summer programme of music and events which is open to the general public. One event, "Fire from Heaven", is a drama and musical performance with fireworks, a laser light show and a carnival with local people dressed in colourful costumes.

Norwich is also home to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, a world-class collection of international art in a building at the University of East Anglia. This is well worth a visit and there is a lovely canteen with an excellent selection of hot and cold snacks. It also specializes in vegetarian food. In addition, the city has a new professional theatre, the Playhouse, on the River Wensum. The city's

annual international arts festival is from 10 to 20 October.

Finally, if you fancy a complete break from the stresses of everyday life, you could hire a boat and spend a few days **cruising** along the rivers of the famous Norfolk Broads National Park. In our environmentally friendly age, the emphasis has moved towards the quiet enjoyment of nature and wildlife. You can hire a boat, big or small, for an hour or two or even up to a week or two. This makes a perfect day out or holiday for people of all ages.

(Adapted from "Succeed in Cambridge English Preliminary" by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)

Question 38: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Daily Life in Norwich
- B. Holidays in Norwich
- C. A Destination Guide to England
- D. England's Famous Cities

Question 39: The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the Beeches Hotel
- B. the city centre
- C. selection
- D. Norwich

Question 40: According to paragraph 2, which is NOT part of "*Fire from Heaven*"?

- A. A laser light show
- B. A campfire
- C. A carnival
- D. A fireworks display

Question 41: The word "**cruising**" in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. moving on land
- B. travelling by boat
- C. surfing
- D. swimming

Question 42: According to the passage, where is the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts located?

- A. In a building at the University of East Anglia
- B. In a new professional theatre on the River Wensum
- C. In an international art museum
- D. In the Norfolk Broads National Park

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.

The United Nations recently outlined the extent of the global water crisis, saying that 2.7 billion people would face severe water shortages by 2025 if consumption continues at current rates. Today, an estimated 1.2 billion people drink unclean water, and about 2.5 billion lack proper toilets or waste disposal systems. More than five million people die each year from diseases related to unclean water. Humans are pumping water out of the ground faster than it can be replenished. In this difficult situation, a water conservationist, Neil MacLeod in South Africa, has found innovative ways to improve his local water situation.

Neil MacLeod took over as head of Durban Metro Water Services in 1992. The situation he found was a **catastrophe**. Durban had one million people living in the city and another 1.5 million people who lived in poverty just outside it. The entire city was rife with broken water pipes, leaky toilets, and faulty plumbing whereby 42 percent of the region's water was simply being wasted.

MacLeod's crews began repairing and replacing water pipes. They put water meters on residences, replaced eight-liter toilets with four-liter models, and changed wasteful showers and water taps. To ensure that the poor would receive a basic supply of water, MacLeod installed tanks in homes and apartments to provide 190 liters of water a day free to each household. Water consumption in Durban is now less than **it** was in 1996, even as 800,000 more people have received service. Through sensible water use, Durban's conservation measures paid for themselves within a year. No new reservoirs will be needed in the coming decades, despite the expected addition of about 300,000 inhabitants.

MacLeod has also turned to water recycling. At the water recycling plant, wastewater is turned into clean water in just 12 hours. Most people are unable to **discern** a difference between the usual city drinking water and the treated wastewater, although it is actually intended for industrial purposes.

Some people still hope that new technology, such as the desalination of seawater, will solve the world's water problems. "But the fact is, water conservation is where the big gains are to be made," says Sandra Postel of the Global Water Policy Project. The dedication and resourcefulness of people like Neil MacLeod offer inspiration for implementing timely and lasting solutions to the world's water concerns.

(Adapted from "Reading Explorer 4" by Paul MacIntyre and Nancy Hubley)

Question 43: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. South Africa to Successfully Desalinate Seawater
- B. Tackling Water Problems: A Story from South Africa
- C. The United Nations to Address Local Water Situations
- D. Drinkable Seawater – A Dream Turning Sour?

- Question 44:** According to the passage, how many people have to drink unclean water worldwide?
A. 2.5 billion B. About 5 million C. 2.7 billion D. Around 1.2 billion
- Question 45:** The word "catastrophe" in paragraph 2 is mostly a situation which is _____.
A. local B. disastrous C. familiar D. unlikely
- Question 46:** The word "it" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
A. Durban B. water consumption C. household D. service
- Question 47:** The word "discern" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.
A. recognize B. emphasize C. examine D. appreciate
- Question 48:** What is the essence of Neil MacLeod's solutions to the water problems in Durban?
A. Reliance on foreign aid B. Exploitation of ground water
C. Conservation of water D. Construction of new reservoirs
- Question 49:** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?
A. Over forty percent of Durban's water was wasted through faulty plumbing, leaks and bursts.
B. Money saved from sensible water use helped cover the cost of reservoir construction in Durban.
C. In Durban, treated wastewater is provided free of charge to meet the residents' daily needs.
D. Provision of desalinated seawater is the ultimate solution to the world's water problems.
- Question 50:** What can be inferred from the passage?
A. Each Durban household is not allowed to use more than 190 liters of water per day.
B. Water shortages are the most severe in areas with substandard toilet facilities.
C. It used to take about half a day to convert wastewater into drinkable water.
D. A growth in population normally necessitates a rise in the number of reservoirs.

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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. steal B. bread C. peak D. heat
 Question 2: A. promised B. agreed C. threatened D. injured

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. reward B. study C. survive D. delete
 Question 4: A. festival B. selection C. holiday D. summary

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

- Question 5: The manager is directly responsible _____ the efficient running of the office.
 A. about B. at C. for D. in

- Question 6: Young people are ambitious by nature, so they tend to set their _____ high on whatever they do.
 A. sights B. views C. visions D. eyes

- Question 7: Mr Brown, a self-made businessman, attributed his success to hard _____ and a bit of luck.
 A. task B. career C. work D. mission

- Question 8: If the weather _____ fine tomorrow, we will have our biology lesson outdoors.
 A. is B. would be C. will be D. will have been

- Question 9: He would never forget _____ a medal for bravery after saving three boys from drowning.
 A. to award B. to be awarded C. awarding D. being awarded

- Question 10: Many students work to earn money _____ their parents are rich.
 A. although B. despite C. however D. because of

- Question 11: With their undeveloped immune systems, young infants are _____ to a wide range of minor ailments.
 A. conducive B. receptive C. susceptible D. favourable

- Question 12: The children _____ their kites in the field when it started to rain heavily.
 A. are flying B. would fly C. were flying D. will fly

- Question 13: Laura is _____ most intelligent girl I've ever known.
 A. the B. Ø C. a D. an

- Question 14: When _____ as captain of the national football team, he knew he had to try harder.
 A. appointed B. have appointed C. appoint D. appointing

- Question 15: The candidate took a _____ breath before he walked into the interview room.
 A. deepen B. deep C. depth D. deeply

- Question 16: My aunt used to sell vegetables at the local market to _____ a living.
 A. take B. do C. have D. earn

- Question 17: _____, playing music is an effective way for them to open their heart to the outside world.
 A. Being visually impaired people B. Such were their visual impairments
 C. Having been visually impaired D. For those with visual impairments

- Question 18: You shouldn't use that ladder as it doesn't look _____ enough.
 A. correct B. certain C. stable D. constant

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

Question 19: John is having dinner at Linda's house.

- John: "This roast beef is so delicious."

- Linda: "_____"

- A. No, don't worry. B. I don't, either. C. Sure. I'd love to. D. I'm glad you like it.

Question 20: Joana and David, two lecturers, are talking about library skills.

- Joana: "I think we should teach our students how to use the library."

- David: "_____. Library skills will help them use resources effectively."

A. You're absolutely wrong

B. I couldn't agree with you more

C. You must be kidding

D. That's not a good idea

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 21: A new road has just been built to connect my hometown with the city centre.

A. transport

B. locate

C. link

D. move

Question 22: Much to their disappointment, their start-up project fell through, though it had been carefully planned.

A. expanded

B. succeeded

C. moved

D. failed

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 23: Judy was not so worried about having left her bag on the bus as there was nothing expensive but a few odds and ends in it.

A. valuable items

B. personal belongings

C. trivial things

D. familiar objects

Question 24: As an advocate of women's rights, James strongly rejects the view that women should stay at home to take care of their families.

A. denies

B. dismisses

C. supports

D. regards

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 25 to 29.

The cyberspace learning initiative

Advances in technology have generated revolutionary applications that could change the face of education as we know it today. Online learning, also known as electronic learning, may (25) _____ the future of education thanks to recent developments in the Internet and multimedia technologies.

It is anticipated that cyberspace institutions or online universities will replace traditional educational (26) _____. Virtual classrooms will be multi-functional, acting simultaneously as learning platforms, forums and (27) _____ networks. They will be geared towards promoting the acquisition of knowledge as a life-long endeavour, (28) _____ occurs through global collaboration. Cyberspace institutions can go a long way towards achieving this as they are able to liberate us from the limitations of time and space. Flexibility of time and location makes e-learning a highly accessible, international resource. (29) _____, prospective students will, regardless of age, background or origin, have unlimited access to both formal and informal learning opportunities. The pursuit of knowledge will consequently become an end in itself and not a means to an end.

(Adapted from "Traveller Advanced" by H. Q. Mitchell)

Question 25: A. plan

B. shape

C. view

D. see

Question 26: A. backgrounds

B. provisions

C. specifications

D. establishments

Question 27: A. socialise

B. socially

C. social

D. society

Question 28: A. when

B. who

C. which

D. where

Question 29: A. Because

B. Therefore

C. Although

D. However

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 30 to 34.

Dubai is the second largest of the emirates which make up the United Arab Emirates. In the 1950s, it was a tiny coastal village. Now it is a huge modern city with a population of over 700,000. It offers an excellent modern lifestyle and is known around the world as a top tourist destination.

Dubai has something for everyone. Holidaymakers can enjoy a relaxing break, and people looking for adventure can find something new and exciting. The excellent hotels and facilities make it a popular place for business conferences and exhibitions.

Dubai offers many unusual holiday experiences. Visitors can go on a desert safari or drive in the sand dunes in a four-wheel drive, watch camel racing or learn how to hunt with falcons. They can also try sand skiing. More relaxing is a cruise in a wooden dhow in the Gulf or a visit to the old city markets.

There are many opportunities to take photographs. The traditional architecture is amazing, and there are many magnificent palaces and mosques. Visitors can visit a Bedouin village and see camels and herds of goats. There are beautiful desert oases and the best sunsets in the world.

It is said that Dubai is the shopper's paradise. Many people come to Dubai for the shopping. Visitors enjoy everything from modern malls to traditional markets. Low customs duties mean that many products are less expensive than products bought in other countries. While Dubai's official language is Arabic, many shopkeepers speak English. *Bur Juman Centre* and *Al Ghurair Centre* are places that every shopper should try.

(Adapted from "IELTS Target 5.0" by Chris Gough)

Question 30: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Dubai: Things to Do for Everyone B. Dubai: Present and Future
C. Dubai: An Ancient City in the Desert D. Dubai: Things to Avoid

Question 31: The word "**offers**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. provides B. receives C. exchanges D. attends

Question 32: According to paragraph 2, why is Dubai a popular place for business conferences and exhibitions?

- A. Because it offers new and exciting holidays. B. Because it provides new business opportunities.
C. Because it has world-famous artists. D. Because it has excellent hotels and facilities.

Question 33: The word "**They**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. sand dunes B. falcons C. holiday experiences D. visitors

Question 34: According to paragraph 5, what is NOT true about shopping in Dubai?

- A. *Bur Juman* and *Al Ghurair* are popular shopping centres.
B. Most shopkeepers can't speak English.
C. Visitors can shop in both modern malls and traditional markets.
D. Many products are cheaper than in other countries.

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 35 to 42.

For over 300 years since its appearance in Britain in 1621, newspapers were written and read by only a tiny minority. In 1896, a new newspaper was produced in large numbers and at such low prices that ordinary people could buy it on every street corner, and it was an instant success. *The Daily Mail*, which is still running today, was the mother of the modern tabloid, and the beginning of a whole new subculture in the British press. Today more than twice as many tabloids are sold than the so-called 'quality press' titles such as *The Times* or *The Guardian*.

Originally, the word tabloid referred to the size and format. But today, for most people, the word tabloid has nothing to do with shape and size. What makes a tabloid a tabloid is content, and above all, style. Tabloids follow a special **formula**: they report the news, but only certain kinds. Tabloids dedicate most of their pages to stories about celebrities. This involves photographing them in embarrassing situations, gossiping about their private lives and generally making them look a bit silly. However, the tabloids are not simply an irritation for celebrities; they are also **a vehicle** for self-promotion.

Though they have millions of devoted readers, tabloids are also widely criticised in Britain. They are accused of being sensationalist, in bad taste, and of having no ethical standards in their reporting and 'researching' methods. **They** may tap celebrities' phones or even break into their houses just to get a story. When criticised, the tabloids state that the public has a right to know about everything, but celebrities have no rights to privacy at all.

So why does Britain, which has access to the best press agencies and the highest journalistic standards, consume tabloids like chocolate? Maybe the reason is that we have enough news on the television, the radio and in the quality newspapers. Tabloids are not actually about news at all; tabloids are just about gossip. And when it comes to gossip, what matters is not what is true or what is kind, but what is entertaining and what is funny. The more in bad taste a story is, the funnier it seems. And bad taste is what the British tabloids have made into an art.

(Adapted from "Oxford Exam Excellence" by Danuta Gryca et al.)

Question 35: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Tabloids versus Broadsheets: An Ongoing War
- B. *The Guardian*: Feeding Bad Taste for Gossip
- C. The Art of Bad Taste: The British Tabloid
- D. Tabloids: Too Kind to Be True

Question 36: The word "**formula**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. sequence
- B. design
- C. method
- D. readership

Question 37: The phrase "**a vehicle**" in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. a way of achieving something
- B. a method of researching something
- C. a set of instructions on how to do something
- D. a means of transporting something

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

- A. tabloids
- B. houses
- C. readers
- D. people

Question 39: Which is NOT mentioned in paragraph 3 as an accusation against tabloids?

- A. They violate the public's rights to privacy.
- B. They bug celebrities' phone conversations.
- C. They gain entry into celebrities' houses illegally.
- D. They feature sensational news stories.

Question 40: According to paragraph 4, what explains the popularity of tabloids in Britain?

- A. They are deemed to be more aesthetic than 'quality press'.
- B. They provide thorough accounts of current issues.
- C. They are governed by the highest journalistic standards.
- D. They contain light-hearted stories that entertain readers.

Question 41: According to the passage, tabloids in Britain _____.

- A. are outsold by such 'quality press' titles as *The Times*
- B. vary in shape, size, and format
- C. are considered a mixed blessing for celebrities
- D. have the same sales figures as chocolate

Question 42: Which of the following is LEAST likely to be found in a modern tabloid?

- A. A Premier League footballer failing his dope test
- B. An Oscar winner accused of tax evasion
- C. Miss Universe lying about her A level results
- D. Future changes in European economies

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 43: I like reading books more than surfing the Internet.

- A. I don't like surfing the Internet as much as reading books.
- B. I like surfing the Internet more than reading books.
- C. I like reading books less than surfing the Internet.
- D. I don't like reading books as much as surfing the Internet.

Question 44: "Why didn't you attend the meeting, Mary?" Tom asked.

- A. Tom asked Mary why she wasn't attending the meeting.
- B. Tom asked Mary why hadn't she attended the meeting.
- C. Tom asked Mary why she hadn't attended the meeting.
- D. Tom asked Mary why didn't she attend the meeting.

Question 45: I'm sure that they had practised hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

- A. They might have practised hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.
- B. They couldn't have practised hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.
- C. They shouldn't have practised hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.
- D. They must have practised hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

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 46: Thanks to advances in medical science, life expectation for both men and women

has improved greatly over the past decades.

A
C

B
D

Question 47: The school year starts usually in late August in most parts of the country.

A

B

C

D

Question 48: Plastic bags are harmful to the environment so they should replace by paper bags.

A

B

C

D

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: Jack dropped out of school at the age of 15. He now regrets it.

A. If Jack dropped out of school when he was 15, he would regret it.

B. Jack regrets not having dropped out of school when he was 15.

C. If only Jack had dropped out of school when he was 15.

D. Jack wishes he hadn't dropped out of school when he was 15.

Question 50: The green campaign was strongly supported by the local people. The neighbourhood looks fresh and clean now.

A. But for the strong support of the local people for the green campaign, the neighbourhood would look fresh and clean now.

B. Scarcely had the green campaign been strongly supported by the local people when the neighbourhood looked fresh and clean.

C. Had the local people not strongly supported the green campaign, the neighbourhood wouldn't look fresh and clean now.

D. Only if the local people had strongly supported the green campaign would the neighbourhood look fresh and clean now.

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Họ, tên thí sinh:

Mã đề thi 406

Số báo danh:

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

Question 1: Nicholas had never chaired a meeting before, but he rose to the _____ yesterday when he presided over a forum.

- A. issue B. incident C. occasion D. difficulty

Question 2: If we are not busy this weekend, we _____ the new fruit farm in the countryside.

- A. would have visited B. visited C. would visit D. will visit

Question 3: She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-seek with her friends.

- A. is playing B. played C. had played D. was playing

Question 4: My sister really enjoys acting as a hobby, but she doesn't want to do it for a(n) _____.

- A. living B. occupation C. survival D. existence

Question 5: If _____ with pictures and diagrams, a lesson will be more interesting and comprehensible.

- A. illustrated B. was illustrated C. have illustrated D. illustrating

Question 6: This is _____ most interesting book I've ever read.

- A. a B. an C. Ø D. the

Question 7: In spite of their disabilities, the children at Spring School manage to _____ an active social life.

- A. take B. gather C. save D. lead

Question 8: We all wish to create a friendly and supportive environment _____ to learning.

- A. accommodating B. detrimental C. liable D. conducive

Question 9: The students were worried that they wouldn't be able to _____ the deadline for the assignment.

- A. answer B. beat C. meet D. match

Question 10: _____, they get on well with each other.

- A. But most siblings at their age quarrel a lot B. While most siblings at their age quarrel a lot
C. To quarrel a lot like most siblings at their age D. For most siblings to quarrel a lot at their age

Question 11: Children are encouraged to read books _____ they are a wonderful source of knowledge.

- A. because B. because of C. in spite of D. although

Question 12: I think mobile phones are _____ for people of all ages.

- A. usefully B. useful C. use D. usage

Question 13: It was so noisy outside that she couldn't concentrate _____ her work.

- A. at B. with C. on D. in

Question 14: I will never forget _____ to the Royal Garden Party, where superb cuisines were served amid luxurious surroundings.

- A. to invite B. being invited C. inviting D. to be invited

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

Question 15: Peter and Mary are talking about social networks.

- Peter: "Using social networks may have negative effects on students."

- Mary: "_____. It distracts them from their studies."

- A. I'm not sure about that B. That's quite true
C. You're wrong D. I don't quite agree

Question 16: David is apologising to his teacher for being late.

- David: "Sorry I'm late! The traffic is so heavy."

- Teacher: "_____. Come in and sit down."

- A. You're so kind B. Thank you C. Me neither D. It's alright

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 17: Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Nina and her husband are at odds when it comes to child rearing.

- A. in agreement B. at liberty C. in conflict D. under pressure

Question 18: Such terrible acts of child abuse were not ignored thanks to the continuing protests of the online community.

- A. disregarded B. unsolved C. witnessed D. noticed

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 19: Though considered the king sport in many parts of the world, soccer has never really caught on in the United States.

- A. been consolidated B. been active C. remained silent D. become popular

Question 20: I have tried hard, but it is difficult to find the solution to this maths problem.

- A. link B. reply C. answer D. relation

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 21: A. article B. energy C. exercise D. addition

Question 22: A. travel B. deny C. connect D. return

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 23: A. group B. doubt C. sound D. count

Question 24: A. happened B. survived C. bothered D. reduced

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 25 to 29.

The importance of fairy tales for children

Fairy tales are the stories that adults, especially parents, tell young children. In view of their name, it is surprising that hardly any of them are actually about fairies. (25) _____ most fairy tales have happy endings, the stories usually deal with very (26) _____ situations – children abandoned in the forest, terrifying giants, cruel stepmothers. However, despite being scared when they are told the stories, children will often ask to hear them over and over again.

Many psychologists believe that what fairy tales do, in addition to (27) _____ children's imagination, is to show that there are problems in the world and that they can be overcome. Just like adults, children have fears and worries; theirs are of things such as abandonment, loss, injuries, witches. Fairy tales present real problems in a fantasy form (28) _____ children are able to understand. This, it is claimed, allows them to (29) _____ their fears and to realise, if ever in their unconscious mind, that no matter how difficult the circumstances, there are always ways of coping.

(Adapted from "Richmond Practice Tests for Cambridge English: Advanced")

Question 25: A. Despite B. Because C. Although D. Therefore

Question 26: A. frighten B. frighteningly C. fright D. frightening

Question 27: A. speculating B. inciting C. stimulating D. motivating

Question 28: A. who B. why C. where D. that

Question 29: A. confront B. suffer C. alter D. nurture

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 30 to 34.

Norwich is the capital of East Anglia, an area on the east coast of England which is famous for its natural beauty and impressive architecture. Norwich is a wonderful city to explore and is popular with tourists all year round.

Norwich is not a city of luxurious hotels, but it has a good selection of reasonably priced places to stay in, both in the city centre and further out. The Beeches Hotel, for example, next to the cathedral, has a beautiful Victorian garden. Comfortable accommodation costs £65 for two nights' bed and breakfast per person. Norwich is famous for its magnificent cathedral. The cathedral has a summer

programme of music and events which is open to the general public. One event, "Fire from Heaven", is a drama and musical performance with fireworks, a laser light show and a carnival with local people dressed in colourful costumes.

Norwich is also home to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, a world-class collection of international art in a building at the University of East Anglia. This is well worth a visit and there is a lovely canteen with an excellent selection of hot and cold snacks. It also specializes in vegetarian food. In addition, the city has a new professional theatre, the Playhouse, on the River Wensum. The city's annual international arts festival is from 10 to 20 October.

Finally, if you fancy a complete break from the stresses of everyday life, you could hire a boat and spend a few days **cruising** along the rivers of the famous Norfolk Broads National Park. In our environmentally friendly age, the emphasis has moved towards the quiet enjoyment of nature and wildlife. You can hire a boat, big or small, for an hour or two or even up to a week or two. This makes a perfect day out or holiday for people of all ages.

(Adapted from "Succeed in Cambridge English Preliminary" by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)

Question 30: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. A Destination Guide to England B. Daily Life in Norwich
C. Holidays in Norwich D. England's Famous Cities

Question 31: The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. selection B. the city centre C. the Beeches Hotel D. Norwich

Question 32: According to paragraph 2, which is NOT part of "Fire from Heaven"?

- A. A campfire B. A fireworks display C. A carnival D. A laser light show

Question 33: The word "**cruising**" in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. surfing B. swimming C. travelling by boat D. moving on land

Question 34: According to the passage, where is the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts located?

- A. In a building at the University of East Anglia
B. In the Norfolk Broads National Park
C. In an international art museum
D. In a new professional theatre on the River Wensum

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 35 to 42.

The United Nations recently outlined the extent of the global water crisis, saying that 2.7 billion people would face severe water shortages by 2025 if consumption continues at current rates. Today, an estimated 1.2 billion people drink unclean water, and about 2.5 billion lack proper toilets or waste disposal systems. More than five million people die each year from diseases related to unclean water. Humans are pumping water out of the ground faster than it can be replenished. In this difficult situation, a water conservationist, Neil MacLeod in South Africa, has found innovative ways to improve his local water situation.

Neil MacLeod took over as head of Durban Metro Water Services in 1992. The situation he found was a **catastrophe**. Durban had one million people living in the city and another 1.5 million people who lived in poverty just outside it. The entire city was rife with broken water pipes, leaky toilets, and faulty plumbing whereby 42 percent of the region's water was simply being wasted.

MacLeod's crews began repairing and replacing water pipes. They put water meters on residences, replaced eight-liter toilets with four-liter models, and changed wasteful showers and water taps. To ensure that the poor would receive a basic supply of water, MacLeod installed tanks in homes and apartments to provide 190 liters of water a day free to each household. Water consumption in Durban is now less than **it** was in 1996, even as 800,000 more people have received service. Through sensible water use, Durban's conservation measures paid for themselves within a year. No new reservoirs will be needed in the coming decades, despite the expected addition of about 300,000 inhabitants.

MacLeod has also turned to water recycling. At the water recycling plant, wastewater is turned into clean water in just 12 hours. Most people are unable to **discern** a difference between the usual city drinking water and the treated wastewater, although it is actually intended for industrial purposes.

Some people still hope that new technology, such as the desalination of seawater, will solve the world's water problems. "But the fact is, water conservation is where the big gains are to be made,"

says Sandra Postel of the Global Water Policy Project. The dedication and resourcefulness of people like Neil MacLeod offer inspiration for implementing timely and lasting solutions to the world's water concerns.

(Adapted from "Reading Explorer 4" by Paul MacIntyre and Nancy Hubley)

Question 35: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Drinkable Seawater – A Dream Turning Sour?
- B. South Africa to Successfully Desalinate Seawater
- C. Tackling Water Problems: A Story from South Africa
- D. The United Nations to Address Local Water Situations

Question 36: According to the passage, how many people have to drink unclean water worldwide?

- A. Around 1.2 billion
- B. 2.5 billion
- C. About 5 million
- D. 2.7 billion

Question 37: The word "catastrophe" in paragraph 2 is mostly a situation which is _____.

- A. local
- B. unlikely
- C. familiar
- D. disastrous

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

- A. Durban
- B. household
- C. service
- D. water consumption

Question 39: The word "discern" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. appreciate
- B. examine
- C. recognize
- D. emphasize

Question 40: What is the essence of Neil MacLeod's solutions to the water problems in Durban?

- A. Conservation of water
- B. Construction of new reservoirs
- C. Exploitation of ground water
- D. Reliance on foreign aid

Question 41: Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. In Durban, treated wastewater is provided free of charge to meet the residents' daily needs.
- B. Money saved from sensible water use helped cover the cost of reservoir construction in Durban.
- C. Over forty percent of Durban's water was wasted through faulty plumbing, leaks and bursts.
- D. Provision of desalinated seawater is the ultimate solution to the world's water problems.

Question 42: What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Each Durban household is not allowed to use more than 190 liters of water per day.
- B. Water shortages are the most severe in areas with substandard toilet facilities.
- C. A growth in population normally necessitates a rise in the number of reservoirs.
- D. It used to take about half a day to convert wastewater into drinkable water.

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 43: Reading books has been always my hobby since I was very young.

- A
- B
- C
- D

Question 44: The villagers are highly appreciable of the volunteers' efforts in reconstructing their

- A
- B
- C

houses after the devastating storm.

D

Question 45: Household chores should share among members of the family.

- A
- B
- C
- D

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 46: "When did you start practising yoga?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom wanted to know when I had started practising yoga.
- B. Tom wanted to know when did I start practising yoga.
- C. Tom wanted to know when I was starting to practise yoga.
- D. Tom wanted to know when had I started practising yoga.

Question 47: Paul likes reading comic books more than watching cartoons.

- A. Paul likes watching cartoons more than reading comic books.
- B. Paul doesn't like reading comic books as much as watching cartoons.
- C. Paul doesn't like watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- D. Paul likes watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.

Question 48: I thought it was not necessary to book tickets for the film in advance, but I was wrong.

- A. I must have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- B. I couldn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- C. I should have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- D. I needn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.

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: Her parents didn't attend her graduation ceremony. They regret it now.

- A. Her parents wish they had attended her graduation ceremony.
- B. If her parents attended her graduation ceremony, they would regret it.
- C. If only her parents could attend her graduation ceremony.
- D. Her parents regret having attended her graduation ceremony.

Question 50: The coach changed his tactics in the second half. His football team won the match.

- A. Had it not been for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team wouldn't have won the match.
- B. Only if the coach had changed his tactics in the second half could his football team have won the match.
- C. Not until his football team had won the match did the coach change his tactics in the second half.
- D. But for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team could have won the match.

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