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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 from 1 to 2.

Câu hỏi 1 (NB): A. passeded B. wisheded C. touched D. moved

Câu hỏi 2 (NB): A. blood B. pool C. food D. tool

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 from 3 to 4.

Câu hỏi 3 (TH): He was so insubordinate that he lost his job within a week.

A. understanding B. obedient C. fresh D. disobedient

Câu hỏi 4 (VDC): I had no idea that you and he were on such intimate terms. I thought you were only casual acquaintances.

A. were hostile to each other B. behaved well toward each other
C. hardly knew each other D. were such close friends

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions from 5 to 6.

Câu hỏi 5 (NB): A. reflect B. contain C. purchase D. suggest

Câu hỏi 6 (NB): A. possession B. politics C. decision D. refusal

Read the 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 7 to 14.

The sculptural legacy that the new United States inherited from its colonial predecessors was far from a rich one, and in fact, in 1776 sculpture as an art form was still in the hand of artisans and craftspeople. Stone carvers engraved their motifs of skulls and crossbones and other religious icons of death into the gray slabs that we still see standing today in old burial grounds. Some skilled craftspeople

made intricately carved wooden ornamentations for furniture or architectural decorations, while others carved wooden shop signs and ships' figureheads. Although **they** often achieved expression and formal excellence in their generally primitive style, they remained artisans skilled in the craft of carving and constituted a group distinct from what we normally think of as "sculptors" in today's use of the word.

On the rare occasion when a fine piece of sculpture was desired, Americans **turned to** foreign sculptors, as in the 1770's when the cities of New York and Charleston, South Carolina, **commissioned** the Englishman Joseph Wilton to make marble statues of William Pitt. Wilton also made a lead equestrian image of King George III that was created in New York in 1770 and torn down by zealous patriots six years later. A few marble memorials with carved busts, urns, or other decorations were produced in England and brought to the colonies to be set in the walls of churches - as in King's Chapel in Boston. But sculpture as a high art, practiced by artists who knew both the artistic theory of their Renaissance Baroque-Rococo predecessors and the various technical procedures of modeling, casting, and carving rich three-dimensional forms, was not known among Americans in 1776. Indeed, for many years thereafter, the United States had two groups from which to choose - either the local craftspeople or the imported talent of European sculptors.

The eighteenth century was not one in which powerful sculptural conceptions were developed. Add to this the timidity with which unschooled artisans originally trained as stonemasons, carpenters, or cabinetmakers - attacked the medium from which they sculpture made in the United States in the late eighteenth century.

Câu hỏi 7 (TH): What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. There was a great demand for the work of eighteenth-century artisans.
- B. American sculptors were hampered by a lack of tools and materials.
- C. Skilled sculptors did not exist in the US in the 1770's.
- D. Many foreign sculptors worked in the US after 1776.

Câu hỏi 8 (TH): It is stated in the first paragraph that the sculptural legacy that the new United States had from colonial times was _____.

- A. not great
- B. plentiful
- C. very rich
- D. not countable

Câu hỏi 9 (VD): The phrase "**turned to**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. castigated
- B. censored
- C. consulted
- D. hired

Câu hỏi 10 (TH): The work of which of the following could be seen in burial ground?

- A. stone carves
- B. carpenters
- C. cabinetmakers
- D. European sculptors

Câu hỏi 11 (NB): The word “they” in the passage refers to _____.

- A. wooden ornamentations
- B. skilled craftspeople
- C. architectural decorations
- D. wooden shop signs

Câu hỏi 12 (TH): The word “commissioned” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. enabled
- B. allowed
- C. conferred
- D. empowered

Câu hỏi 13 (VD): What can be inferred about the importation of marble memorials from England? **A.**

Such sculpture was expensive to produce locally than to import.

B. Such sculpture was as prestigious as those made locally.

C. Such sculpture was not available in the US.

D. The materials found abroad were superior.

Câu hỏi 14 (VD): How did the work of American carvers in 1776 differ from that of contemporary sculptors?

A. It was less time-consuming.

B. It was more expensive.

C. It was less refined.

D. It was more dangerous.

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 from 15 to 16.

Câu hỏi 15 (TH): Such problems as haste and inexperience are a universal feature of youth.

A. separated

B. shared

C. marked

D. hidden

Câu hỏi 16 (VD): Many inhabitants in the village have been inflicted with cancer due to the polluted source of water.

A. have fought against

B. have prevented

C. have suffered from

D. have avoided

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 from 17 to 19.

Câu hỏi 17 (VD): Fansipan is the highest mountain in the Indochinese Peninsula.

- A. There are some mountains in the Indochinese Peninsula higher than Fansipan.
- B. The Indochinese Peninsula includes one of the highest mountains on earth.
- C. The highest mountain in the Indochinese Peninsula is exclusive Fansipan.
- D. No mountains in the Indochinese Peninsula are higher than Fansipan.

Câu hỏi 18 (VDC): “If I were you, I wouldn’t read the job advertisement and position description carelessly.”, Helen said.

- A. Helen advised me on reading the job advertisement and position description carelessly.
- B. Helen recommended that I take no notice of the job advertisement and position description.
- C. I was blamed for not reading the job advertisement and position description carefully by Helen.
- D. Helen advised me against reading the job advertisement and position description carelessly.

Câu hỏi 19 (VDC): It’s possible that Joanna didn’t receive my message.

- A. Joanna can’t have received my message.
- B. Joanna might not have received my message.
- C. Joanna may have received my message.
- D. Joanna might have received my message.

Read the 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 20 to 24.

Tsunami is a Japanese word that means harbor wave and is used as the scientific term for seismic sea wave generated by an undersea earthquake or possibly an undersea landslide or volcanic eruption. When the ocean floor is tilted or offset during an earthquake, a set of waves is created similar to the **concentric** waves generated by an object dropped into the water. Most tsunamis originate along the Ring of Fire, a zone of volcanoes and seismic activity, 32,500 km long that encircles the Pacific Ocean. Since 1819, about 40 tsunamis have struck the Hawaiian Islands.

tsunami can have wavelengths, or widths, of 100 to 200 km, and may travel hundreds of kilometers across the deep ocean, reaching speeds of about 725 to 800 kilometres an hour. Upon entering shallow coastal waters, the wave, which have been only about half a metre high out at sea, suddenly grows rapidly. When the wave reaches the shore, it may be 15 m high or more. Tsunamis have tremendous energy because of the great volume of water affected. **They** are capable of obliterating coastal settlements.

Tsunamis should not be confused with storm surges, which are domes of water that rise underearth hurricanes or cyclones and cause extensive coastal flooding when the storms reach land. Storm surges are particularly devastating if they occur at high tide. A cyclone and accompanying storm surges killed an estimated 500,000 people in Bangladesh in 1970. The tsunami which struck south and southeast Asia in late 2004 killed over 200 thousand people.

Câu hỏi 20 (TH): What does the word “concentric” in paragraph 1 mean?

- A. Having a common centre
- B. Having wavy centres
- C. Having wavy movements
- D. Having many centres

Câu hỏi 21 (NB): What is the greatest speed of tsunami travelling across the deep ocean?

- A. 150,000 kilometres an hour
- B. 200 kilometres an hour
- C. 700 kilometres an hour
- D. 800 kilometres an hour

Câu hỏi 22 (NB): The word “they” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Volumes of water
- B. Coastal waters
- C. Coastal settlements
- D. Tsunamis

Câu hỏi 23 (TH): Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. Storm surges are domes of water rising underearth hurricanes or cyclones.
- B. Storm surges cause extensive coastal flooding.
- C. Tsunami only occurs in Asia.
- D. A cyclone along with storm surges happened in Asia in 1970.

Câu hỏi 24 (TH): What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Where tsunamis originate.
- B. How tremendous is the energy of a tsunami.
- C. Damage caused by tsunamis.
- D. Facts about tsunamis.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges from 25 to 26.

Câu hỏi 25 (NB): *Jane offered Jim some more chicken; however, Jim was full and seemed not to have another serving. Choose the best response.*

Jane: “Would you like some more chicken?”

Jim: “_____. I’m full.”

- A. Never mind.
- B. No, I wouldn't.
- C. No, I can't.
- D. No, thanks.

Câu hỏi 26 (TH): *An old gentleman, who is not sure where to go for the summer holiday, is asking a travel agent for advice. Select the most suitable response to fill in the blank.*

Gentleman: "Can you recommend any places for this summer holiday?"

Agent: "_____."

- A. Yes, please go to other agencies
- B. I don't think you could afford a tour to Singapore, sir
- C. No. You cannot recommend any places
- D. A package tour to the Spratly Islands would be perfect, sir

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.

Câu hỏi 27 (TH): Facebook.com's server IP address could not find in Google Chrome browser because of the error of Internet connection.

- A. Facebook.com's B. could not find C. because of D. Internet connection

Câu hỏi 28 (NB): My girlfriend and I drink sometimes coffee in the morning in a café near my school.

- A. girlfriend B. drink sometimes C. in D. near my school

Câu hỏi 29 (VD): There were inconsiderate amounts of money wasted on large building projects.

- A. inconsiderate B. amounts C. wasted D. building

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 30 to 34.

Having a relationship with someone is important to people around the world; (30) _____, dating is different from culture to culture. Here are some examples.

Group dating is popular among young people in Europe and Australia. Groups as large as 30 people take part in events, such as going camping or having a party. This is seen as a (31) _____ way to spend

time together, and to help to (32) _____ tension because people feel more comfortable in the company of friends before deciding whether to go on a one-to-one date.

In Singapore, since many young people stay single, the government has tried its best to encourage dating. Dating services are offered to single people. One of them is speed dating, in (33) _____ singles will spend a few minutes talking to one person before moving on to meet the next one.

Online dating is a common way of (34) _____ in the United States. Internet companies are now offering a service called 'online dating assistant' to help busy people to find a partner. An assistant helps customers to build their profiles, selects potential matches, and then sends several emails to the possible matches until the two people agree to meet face to face.

- Câu hỏi 30 (TH):** A. although B. and C. however D. despite
 A. safe B. savings C. safely D. save
- Câu hỏi 31 (NB):** A. deteriorate B. ease C. refrain D. escape
- Câu hỏi 32 (VD):** A. when B. that C. which D. whom
- Câu hỏi 33 (NB):** A. matchtaking B. matchgoing C. matchcatching D. matchmaking
- Câu hỏi 34 (VD):**

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 35 to 48.

Câu hỏi 35 (NB): Of all the world's major oceans, _____ Arctic Ocean is _____ shallowest.

- A. the - the B. an - the C. Ø - the D. a - the

Câu hỏi 36 (NB): If you do what you tell others, they _____ in you.

- A. believe B. won't believe C. will believe D. would believe

Câu hỏi 37 (NB): We _____ in silence when he suddenly _____ me to help him.

- A. walked - asked B. were walking - asked
C. walked - was asking D. were walking - was asking

Câu hỏi 38 (TH): Make sure you mix the ingredients well, _____ you might get up lumps in your cake.

- A. otherwise B. supposing C. unless D. provided

Câu hỏi 39 (TH): To protect _____ hackers, security experts advise longer passwords _____ combinations of upper and lowercase letters, as well as numbers.

A. against - in B. from - to C. on - between D. against - with

Câu hỏi 40 (VD): _____ as the representative at the conference, she felt extremely proud of herself.

- A. On choosing B. Having been chosen
C. Be chosen D. Having chosen

Câu hỏi 41 (TH): Applications _____ in after 30 April will not be considered.

- A. sent B. send C. that is sent D. which sent

Câu hỏi 42 (VDC): I won't buy that car because it has too much _____ on it.

- A. ups and downs B. white tie C. wear and tear D. odds and ends

Câu hỏi 43 (TH): Don't worry! Our new product will keep your bathroom clean and _____.

- A. odour B. odourless C. odourlessly D. odourful

Câu hỏi 44 (TH): It's important to project a(n) _____ image during the interview.

- A. optimistic B. cheerful C. positive D. upbeat

Câu hỏi 45 (VD): Part time jobs give us freedom to _____ our own interest.

- A. pursue B. chase C. seek D. catch

Câu hỏi 46 (VD): Van Gogh suffered from depression _____ by overwork and ill-health.

- A. taken up B. pull through C. coming about D. brought on

Câu hỏi 47 (TH): Jane would never forget _____ first prize in such a prestigious competition.

- A. to have awarded B. being awarded C. having awarded D. to be awarded

Câu hỏi 48 (TH): There has been a widespread _____ about whether North Korea has successfully miniaturized a nuclear weapon and whether it has a working H-bomb.

- A. gossip B. rumour C. challenge D. doubt

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each of the pair of sentences in the following questions from 49 to 50.

Câu hỏi 49 (VDC): The basketball team knew they lost the match. They soon started to blame each other.

- A. Not only did the basketball team lose the match but they blamed each other as well.
B. Hardly had the basketball team known they lost the match when they started to blame each other.
C. No sooner had the basketball team started to blame each other than they knew they lost the match.
D. As soon as they blamed each other, the basketball team knew they lost the match.

Câu hỏi 50 (VDC): I invited Rachel to my party, but she couldn't come. She had arranged to do something else.

- A. Without having arranged to do something else, Rachel would have come to my party as invited.
B. If it hadn't been for her arrangement for something else, Rachel would come to my party as invited.
C. Rachel would have come to my party, unless she hadn't arranged to do something else.
D. If Rachel hadn't arranged to do something else, she would come to my party as invited.