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. drought  B. fought  C. brought  D. bought
Question 2: A. builds  B. destroys  C. occurs  D. prevents

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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. include  B. achieve  C. replace  D. comment
Question 4: A. comfortable  B. attractive  C. secretive  D. necessary
Question 5: A. appearance  B. telephone  C. government  D. leadership

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

Question 6: By the time their babies arrive, the Johnsons hope ______ painting the nursery.
   A. have finished  B. finished  C. to finish  D. finish
Question 7: This is a picture of a _______ bus.
   A. red bright London  B. bright red London  C. London bright red  D. London red bright
Question 8: Young people have become increasingly committed ______ social activities.
   A. of  B. to  C. in  D. at
Question 9: He ______ to the doctor after the accident, but he continued to play instead.
   A. must have gone  B. needn't have gone  C. shouldn't have gone  D. should have gone
Question 10: While everybody else in our class prefers working in groups, Mina likes working ______.
   A. on herself  B. on her own  C. of her own  D. in herself
Question 11: Marie Curie, ______, was awarded a Nobel Prize for her work.
   A. was the scientist who discovered radium  B. whose scientific discovery of radium
   C. the scientist discovered radium  D. the scientist who discovered radium
Question 12: ______ about gene-related diseases has increased is welcome news.
   A. Scientific knowledge  B. It was scientific knowledge
   C. Though scientific knowledge  D. That scientific knowledge
Question 13: ______ he arrived at the bus stop when the bus came.
   A. Hardly had  B. No sooner had  C. No longer has  D. Not until had
Question 14: _______, the young mother appeared visibly very happy after the birth of her child.
   A. Tired as she was  B. She was tired  C. As tired  D. Despite tired
Question 15: John was in Hanoi and wanted to send a parcel to his parents. He asked a local passer-by the way to the post-office. Choose the most suitable response to fill in the blank in the following exchange.
   - John: “Can you show me the way to the nearest post office, please?”
   - Passer-by: “_______”
   A. Not way, sorry.  B. Just round the corner over there.
   C. Look it up in a dictionary!  D. There’s no traffic near here.
Question 16: I knew they were talking about me ______ they stopped when I entered the room.
   A. because  B. so that  C. despite  D. therefore
Question 17: Lora has just bought a new skirt that she likes very much. Choose the most suitable response to fill in the blank in the following exchange.
   - Jane: “You look great in that red skirt, Lora!”
   - Lora: “_______”
A. No, I don't think so. B. Oh, you don't like it, do you?
C. Thanks, I bought it at Macy's. D. Thanks, my mum bought it.

Question 18: This is ______ the most difficult job I have ever tackled.
A. by rights B. by all means C. by far D. by the way

Question 19: He _____ till the early hours of the next morning listening to pop music.
A. took me up B. kept me up C. caught me up D. held me up

Question 20: His answer was so confusing that it hardly made ______.
A. meaning B. interpretation C. intelligibility D. sense

Question 21: My father sometimes ______ the washing up after dinner.
A. washes B. takes C. makes D. does

Question 22: Waste paper can be used again after being ______.
A. produced B. recycled C. wasted D. preserved

Question 23: Since ______ has been so poor, the class has been closed.
A. attendance B. attendant C. attending D. attendee

Question 24: He was too sure of himself to pay ______ to the warnings against the danger.
A. notice B. attention C. respect D. recognition

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

Question 25: The rains of 1993 causing the Missouri river to overflow resulted in one of the worst floods of the 20th century.
A. stopped B. lessened C. caused D. overcame

Question 26: I'm becoming increasingly absent-minded. Last week, I locked myself out of my house twice.
A. being considerate of things B. remembering to do right things C. forgetful of one's past D. often forgetting things

Question 27: Many young children are spending large amounts of time watching the TV without being aware of its detriment to their school work.
A. harm B. advantage C. support D. benefit

Question 28: Ms Stanford is an unusually prolific author. She has written a large number of books these years, some of which are best-sellers.
A. reflective B. productive C. exhausted D. critical

Question 29: As the enemy forces were so overwhelming, our troops had to retreat to a safer position.
A. powerful B. dreadful C. overflowing D. outgrowing

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 30: The collecting of postage stamps is a hobby that interest people of all ages and all walks of life.
A. collecting B. interest C. walks D

Question 31: Experts in climatology and other scientists are becoming extreme concerned about the changes to our climate which are taking place.
A. extreme B. concerned C. changes D

Question 32: Santa’s transformation began in 1823, when a New York newspaper published the poem A Visit from Saint Nicholas, that Clement Clark Moore had written to amuse his daughter.
A. when B. published C. a D

Question 33: It is thought that the unusual warming of the Earth has been caused by so-called greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, being emitting into the atmosphere by car engines and factories.
A. thought B. caused C. emitting D
Question 34: The world is becoming more industrialized and the number of animal species that have become extinct have increased.

A   B
C   D

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.

Higher Education in the UK

Students who have successfully completed an A-level course may go to university to do (35) ______ three- or four-year course leading to a first degree such as Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), etc. They apply to several universities which then (36) ______ an offer of a place specifying the minimum grades the student needs to obtain in the A level subjects studied. Higher education is not (37) ______. In principle, students have to pay a contribution to the cost of teaching (tuition fees) and have also to pay their living costs (maintenance). The government provides (38) ______ to help them pay for university education which have to be paid back from earnings once their income reaches a certain (39) ______. In recent years government policy has been to (40)______ the percentage of 18-year olds (41)______ go to university, which is now, at 40%, double the 1990 figure, but this growth has been at the (42) ______ of the amount of financial support given to individual students.

Universities receive money (43) ______ the state for each student and are responsible for employing staff and deciding which courses to offer. The head of a university, who is (44) ______ for its management, is called a vice-chancellor.

Question 35: A. that B. a C. this D. the
Question 36: A. create B. do C. make D. get
Question 37: A. permitted B. allowed C. compulsory D. free
Question 38: A. loans B. hires C. shares D. rents
Question 39: A. grade B. level C. mark D. rank
Question 40: A. rise B. remain C. increase D. decrease
Question 41: A. who B. which C. whose D. whom
Question 42: A. fee B. suspense C. charge D. expense
Question 43: A. of B. from C. to D. in
Question 44: A. liable B. responsible C. answerable D. chargeable

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 45 to 54.

Early peoples had no need of engineering works to supply their water. Hunters and nomads camped near natural sources of fresh water, and populations were so sparse that pollution of the water supply was not a serious problem. After community life developed and agricultural villages became urban centres, the problem of supplying water became important for inhabitants of a city, as well as for irrigation of the farms surrounding the city. Irrigation works were known in prehistoric times, and before 2000 BC the rulers of Babylonia and Egypt constructed systems of dams and canals to impound the flood waters of the Euphrates and Nile rivers, controlling floods and providing irrigation water throughout the dry season. Such irrigation canals also supplied water for domestic purposes. The first people to consider the sanitation of their water supply were the ancient Romans, who constructed a vast system of aqueducts to bring the clean waters of the Apennine Mountains into the city and built basins and filters along these mains to ensure the clarity of the water. The construction of such extensive water-supply systems declined when the Roman Empire disintegrated, and for several centuries local springs and wells formed the main source of domestic and industrial water.

The invention of the force pump in England in the middle of the 16th century greatly extended the possibilities of development of water-supply systems. In London, the first pumping waterworks was completed in 1562; it pumped river water to a reservoir about 37 m above the level
of the River Thames and from the reservoir the water was distributed by gravity, through lead pipes, to buildings in the vicinity.

Increased per-capita demand has coincided with water shortages in many countries. South-east England, for example, receives only 14 per cent of Britain's rainfall, has 30 per cent of its population, and has experienced declining winter rainfall since the 1980s.

In recent years a great deal of interest has been shown in the conversion of seawater to fresh water to provide drinking water for very dry areas, such as the Middle East. Several different processes, including distillation, electrodialysis, reverse osmosis, and direct-freeze evaporation, have been developed for this purpose. Some of these processes have been used in large facilities in the United States. Although these processes are successful, the cost of treating seawater is much higher than that for treating fresh water.

From A. Briggs' article on culture, Microsoft® Student 2008

Question 45: Early peoples didn't need water supply engineering works because ______.
A. their community life had already developed
B. natural sources of fresh water nearby were always available
C. there was almost no dry season in prehistoric times
D. they had good ways to irrigate their farms

Question 46: The word "impound" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to “_____”.
A. supply  B. irrigate  C. provide  D. drain

Question 47: Clean water supply was first taken into consideration by ______.
A. the English people  B. the ancient Romans  C. the Egyptians  D. the US people

Question 48: For several centuries after the disintegration of the Roman Empire, the main source of water supply was from ______.
A. springs and wells
B. systems of aqueducts
C. dams and canals
D. water pipes

Question 49: The word “mains” in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by “_____”.
A. lands  B. areas  C. pipes  D. rivers

Question 50: Which of the following is NOT true about London’s water supply in the middle of the 16th century?
A. Water was pumped from the River Thames.
B. Water was stored in a reservoir.
C. Water ran from the reservoir to buildings.
D. Water was conducted through canals.

Question 51: The word “vicinity” in paragraph 2 refers to ______.
A. the cities in South-east England
B. the areas along the River Thames
C. the neighborhood around a reservoir
D. the region where industry developed

Question 52: One of the causes of water shortages in South-east England is ______.
A. water pollution
B. increased demand
C. water-supply system decline
D. water evaporation

Question 53: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a process of converting seawater to freshwater?
A. Steaming and cooling.
B. Water evaporation.
C. Dissolving chemicals.
D. Purification method.

Question 54: In the passage, the author mainly discusses ______.
A. the development of water supply
B. the results of water shortages
C. the water pumping systems
D. the fresh water storage

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 55 to 64.

Sleep is a natural process, and although a lot have been written about the subject, it is still surrounded by mystery. It is used by some as an escape from the world, and regarded by others as an irritating waste of time: some people get by on very little, others claim they cannot exist without at least ten hours, but nobody can do without sleep completely.
Our night’s sleep does not just consist of a steady phase of gradually deepening sleep. It alternates between two stages: Non-dreaming or ordinary sleep, and REM (rapid eye movement) or dreaming sleep. As soon as we fall asleep, we go straight into non-dreaming sleep for an hour or so, then into REM sleep for about 15 minutes, then back into non-dreaming sleep. It alternates in this way for the rest of the night, with non-dreaming sleep tending to last longer at the beginning of the night. Non-dreaming sleep occupies three-quarters of our night’s sleep, about a quarter of it deep and the rest fairly light.

It is widely believed that sleep repairs the body and makes good the damage caused by being awake. However, its main function is to refresh the brain. Experts believe that probably only about two-thirds of our sleep is necessary for repairing and refreshing the brain, with the most valuable sleep coming in the first few hours of the non-dreaming period, the last few hours of sleep are not so essential. The brain can manage quite well with reduced sleep as long as it is uninterrupted sleep.

The quality of sleep is important. A study conducted in the USA looked at short sleepers, who slept for 5.5 hours on average, and long sleepers, who had 8.5 hours or more. It is discovered after a variety of tests that the long sleepers were poor sleepers, had twice as much REM sleep as the short sleepers, appeared to sleep longer to make up for poor sleep, and did not wake up in the morning refreshed. Similarly, people who sleep deeply do not necessarily get a better quality of sleep than shallow sleepers. Deep sleepers can feel tired the following day, so six hours of good sleep is worth more than eight hours of troubled sleep.

From Awakening to Sleep – American Psychological Association

Question 55: It can be concluded from the first paragraph that ______.
A. people need equal time of sleep  
B. sleep remains a puzzle  
C. sleep is among the processes of the nature  
D. everything about sleep has been brought to light

Question 56: The word “irritating” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to ______.
A. calming  
B. soothing  
C. annoying  
D. comforting

Question 57: All the following statements are true, EXCEPT for ______.
A. our night’s sleep occurs in a straight line of only two phases  
B. all sleeps are similar in the alternatives of the two stages during the night  
C. we spend only 25 percent of our night’s sleeping time dreaming  
D. we often have no dreams right after we fall asleep

Question 58: The word “it” in paragraph 2 refers to ______.
A. our night’s sleep  
B. the ordinary sleep  
C. the REM  
D. the night

Question 59: The word “occupies” in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by ______.
A. accounts for  
B. takes care of  
C. works out  
D. goes up

Question 60: Unlike the common belief, sleep helps ______.
A. not to be awake  
B. us to fix the damage happening by day  
C. us to repair our body  
D. our brain to rest and recover

Question 61: The study discussed in the reading passage suggests that ______.
A. the fewer hours we sleep, the more we dream  
B. deep sleep means better sleep  
C. the type of sleep is more important than its length  
D. six hours of sleep is better than eight hours
Question 62: Which of the following is NOT discussed in the passage?
   A. The role of the sleep.       B. Sleepless people’s problems.
   C. Types of sleep.             D. The circle of a sleep.

Question 63: It can be inferred from the reading passage that _____.
   A. if we can sleep uninterruptedly, it is not necessary to sleep the whole night
   B. REM makes good our brain
   C. nearly 70% of our sleep is invaluable
   D. dream enables our body to refresh when we can sleep uninterruptedly

Question 64: This passage is the most likely taken from _____.
   A. a doctor’s description       B. a health magazine
   C. an advertisement            D. a fashion magazine

WRITING
Part I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

Question 65: This is the most interesting novel I’ve ever read.
   I have never ________________________________________________________.

Question 66: I can’t cook as well as my mother can.
   My mother ____________________________________________________________.

Question 67: The noise next door did not stop until after midnight.
   It was not ____________________________________________________________.

Question 68: You can ring this number whenever there is any difficulty.
   Should ______________________________________________________________.

Question 69: “I didn’t break the vase of flowers,” the boy said.
   The boy denied ______________________________________________________.

Part II. In about 140 words, write a paragraph about the kind of job you would like to do after you finish your education.

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PHẦN VIỆT (2 điểm)

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Câu 65: I have never read such an interesting novel before.
    Hoặc: I have never read a more interesting novel than this (one/ novel).

Câu 66: My mother can cook better than I can/ me.

Câu 67: It was not until after midnight that the noise next door stopped.

Câu 68: Should there be any difficulty, you can ring this number.
    Hoặc: Should any difficulty arise, you can ring this number.

Câu 69: The boy denied having broken/ breaking the vase of flowers.
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