

Họ, tên học sinh:..... Lớp..... Số báo danh:.....

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 from 1 to 2.

Câu 1: She helped us a lot with our project. We couldn't continue without her.

- A. But for her contribution, we could have continued with the project.
- B. Provided her contribution wouldn't come, we couldn't continue with the project.
- C. If she hadn't contributed positively, we couldn't have continued with the project.
- D. Unless we had her contribution, we could continue with the project.

Câu 2: The basketball team knew they lost the match. They soon started to blame each other.

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

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 from 3 to 4.

- Câu 3: A. process B. receive C. prefer D. attract
- Câu 4: A. mathematics B. particular C. community D. authority

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 5 to 6.

- Câu 5: A. collected B. admired C. supposed D. belonged
- Câu 6: A. agree B. advice C. allow D. absent

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 7 to 13.

Home Sweet Home?

Everybody knows about experiencing culture shock when you visit a place with different customs, food, and language. However, as a student going to the U.S. for several years of study, nobody warned me of the shock I would feel upon returning home. Reverse culture shock is the name given to the feeling of not fitting in when you return home after an extended period of time abroad.

Believe me, as I discovered firsthand, reverse culture shock can be worse than the culture shock experienced when traveling to a foreign country. I felt lost and depressed. It took me a long time to get back into the swing of things. And the main reason was because I wasn't prepared. I never expected it. The best way to beat reverse culture shock is to know how it might strike. Here are a few things I wish I had known before returning home:

Nobody cares about your travels. It's a fact. While those years abroad may be the most life-changing years of your life, they don't mean anything to the people who did not experience them. So, if you are lucky enough to have a friend or a relative who does take interest, appreciate them. But, basically, keep your experiences to yourself unless someone asks. And don't get upset if the questions never come.

Be prepared for boredom. While you were abroad, everything was new. Performing mundane tasks or simply listening to everyday conversations in a country where you cannot speak the language

well can seem exotic or even exciting. It may take a while to get used to how boring the 'normal' things can be when you return home.

People might not understand the 'new' you. It's not uncommon for people who live abroad for many years to adopt some new ideas or ways of thinking. More often than not, they become more open-minded and understanding of the world around them. Just remember, though, that people who have not left their homeland and who have not had the experiences you have had will probably look at you like you have arrived from another planet.

The worst feeling of all, however, might be that of being trapped. After returning to Germany from the United States, I suddenly felt like I might never be able to leave Germany again. Obviously, that was not true, but the feeling at the time was intense.

Just like culture shock, you can survive reverse culture shock. Just be prepared and do your best to get on with your life once you return home.

Source: *Select Readings, Second Edition Intermediate, Chapter 6 Test*

Câu 7: What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- A. Most people don't expect to experience culture shock.
- B. When you go to another country to live, you feel depressed.
- C. Reverse culture shock can be much worse than culture shock.
- D. Going abroad to live requires a lot of preparation.

Câu 8: In paragraph 2, what does the word "it" refer to?

- A. Studying abroad
- B. Going home
- C. Reverse culture shock
- D. Culture shock

Câu 9: In paragraph 4, "mundane" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. formal
- B. extraordinary
- C. odd
- D. routine

Câu 10: In paragraph 5, we can infer that _____.

- A. the writer felt people in the U.S. were more open-minded
- B. the writer felt customs in the U.S. were very strange
- C. the writer became more open-minded while she was abroad
- D. most of the writer's friends have never left their homeland

Câu 11: What does the writer mean by 'trapped' in paragraph 6?

- A. Unable to leave the U.S.
- B. Unable to go home
- C. Unable to travel outside her home
- D. Unable to leave Germany

Câu 12: What does the writer say is the worst part of reverse culture shock?

- A. Nobody wanting to hear about your travels
- B. Feeling trapped
- C. Being bored
- D. Nobody understanding the 'new' you

Câu 13: The writer wishes she had _____.

- A. prepared herself for reverse culture shock before going home
- B. spent more time in the U.S.
- C. adopted some new ways of thinking while abroad
- D. told more people about her time abroad when she got home

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 14 to 18.

Baseball has been dubbed "America's favorite sport", and many fans contend that there is no greater thrill than watching a good pitcher throw the ball skillfully in a series of expertly delivered "fast" and "curve" balls. Two such pitches, the "rising fastball" and the "breaking curveball" are particularly exasperating to batters because these balls tend to veer in one direction or the other just as they reach home plate. The "rising fastball" zooms forward only to jump up and over the bat as the batter swings. The "breaking curveball" curves toward home plate, but plunges downward unexpectedly at the last moment. Batters attempt to anticipate these pitches, and respond accordingly, while pitchers work at perfecting their "fast" and "curve" ball deliveries.

But, according to studies conducted by a team of engineers and psychologists, the "rising fastball" and the "breaking curveball" do not actually exist; they are merely optical illusions. The studies

revealed that batters perceive the ball as approaching more slowly or falling more quickly than it actually is, and it is this misperception that produces the visual illusion. Batters tend to have difficulty tracking a ball continuously as it approaches and will briefly divert their eyes to the spot where they think the ball will cross the plate. When a batter has misjudged the speed or angle of a pitch, and shifts his or her gaze in this way, the ball will appear to suddenly rise or dip, and the batter will often miss.

Source: *14 Exams In Preparation & Practice Test Toefl: Toefl by Mr. Kent Ang-zie*

Câu 14: What does this passage mainly discuss?

- A. the difference between fastballs and curveballs
- B. illusions about the movements of pitched balls
- C. perceptual problems among baseball players
- D. America's favorite pastime

Câu 15: Which of the following words could best replace the word "thrill" in line 2?

- A. activity
- B. excitement
- C. remedy
- D. issue

Câu 16: According to the author, why is it difficult for the batter to hit the "rising fastball" and the "breaking curveball"?

- A. because the batter misjudges the speed and angle of the ball
- B. because the ball veers just before reaching home plate
- C. because the batter misjudges the pitcher's intention
- D. because the ball approaches too quickly

Câu 17: In paragraph 2, what does the word "they" refer to?

- A. the research studies
- B. the optical illusions
- C. the engineers and psychologists
- D. the "rising fastball" and the "breaking curveball"

Câu 18: According to the passage, how is the illusion of the "rising fastball" and the "breaking curveball" produced?

- A. by the speed and angle of the ball
- B. by the studies of engineers and psychologists
- C. by the batter's failing to track the ball accurately
- D. by the pitcher's delivery

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges from 19 to 20.

Câu 19: Tom is apologizing to Peter for being late.

- Tom: "Sorry, I'm late, Peter. My car has broken down on the way here."

- Peter: "_____"

- A. No, I wouldn't mind at all.
- B. That's all right.
- C. Well, it's worth a try.
- D. Not on my account.

Câu 20: Sue and Mira are talking about the use of mobile phone in class.

- Sue: "Students should not be allowed to use mobile phone in class."

- Mira: "_____. This will distract them from studying."

- A. Not really
- B. No way! It's useful
- C. I'm of the opposite opinion
- D. I quite agree

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 21 to 25.

The final years of secondary school are generally regarded as a fairly stressful period for students. There are exams to get ready for, decisions about the future to be made and many other aspects of growing up to come to ___(21)___ with. It may seem surprising that students have enough time and energy left for forming relationships. For many, however, such relationship plays an important part of both their social life and their personal development. But what are most teenagers looking for in a

high school romance? For ___(22)___, it's the chance to share this wonderful period of discovery and adventure with somebody else. They appreciate having a loyal friend ___(23)___ will be there to stand by them in time of need or difficulty. It's someone they can put their trust in, someone to whom their secrets can be ___(24)___. For others, it's an opportunity to experiment with emotions and ideas. ___(25)___ of being in a relationship, they learn what it is like to feel committed to one other person. As well as a feeling of security, such relationship can also give a sense of what marriage must be like.

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- Câu 21: A. terms B. rights C. agree D. face
 Câu 22: A. most B. some C. all D. few
 Câu 23: A. which B. whose C. whom D. who
 Câu 24: A. placed B. told C. kept D. said
 Câu 25: A. Instead B. In case C. As a result D. Despite

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 26 to 28.

Câu 26: We haven't been to the concert for over a year.

- A. The last time we went to the concert was over a year.
 B. The last time we have gone to the concert was over a year.
 C. The last time we went to the concert were over a year.
 D. The last time since we went to the concert was over a year.

Câu 27: "I have never been to Russia. I think I shall go there next year." said Bill.

- A. Bill said that he had never been to Russia and he thinks he will go there the following year.
 B. Bill said that he would have never been to Russia and he thinks he would go there the following year.
 C. Bill said that he has never been to Russia and he thinks he would go there the following year.
 D. Bill said that he had never been to Russia and he thought he would go there the following year.

Câu 28: It was careless of you to leave the windows open last night.

- A. You are so careless that you left the windows open last night.
 B. You shouldn't have left the windows open last night.
 C. You might have been careless because you left the windows open last night.
 D. You shouldn't leave the windows open last night.

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 from 29 to 31.

Câu 29: My elder brother often gets me to polish his shoes when we were young. That made my mother anger.

- A. to polish B. often gets C. That D. when

Câu 30: Many teenagers are different from adults in his beliefs about love and marriage.

- A. different B. marriage C. teenagers D. his

Câu 31: The treatment for people addictive to tranquillizers includes training in stress management and relaxation techniques.

- A. treatment B. addictive C. relaxation D. includes

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 32 to 46.

Câu 32: You have to leave early, _____?

- A. have you B. haven't you C. do you D. don't you

Câu 33: Some animals have a remarkable ability to _____ themselves to changing environments.

- A. fit B. adapt C. match D. suit

Câu 34: I like to watch the parade _____ Independence Day.

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

Câu 35: _____ English vocabulary you know, the better you speak.

- A. The much B. The more C. More D. The most

Câu 36: Ms. Hoa is a _____ girl who always smiles with everyone friendly.

- A. tall young beautiful B. young beautiful tall
C. young tall beautiful D. beautiful tall young

Câu 37: _____, I'll return it to you.

- A. When I finished the book B. When I am finishing the book
C. After I had finished the book D. As soon as I have finished the book

Câu 38: Many houses _____ by the storm last night.

- A. was destroyed B. were destroyed C. were destroying D. destroyed

Câu 39: They _____ the new project when their boss called for a meeting.

- A. is discussing B. has discussed C. were discussing D. discussed

Câu 40: _____ a scholarship, I entered one of the most privileged universities of the United Kingdom.

- A. Being awarded B. Having been awarded
C. To award D. Having awarded

Câu 41: It's very _____ of you to bring your umbrella today.

- A. sensible B. senseless C. sense D. sensitive

Câu 42: Although the coach had not thought her a good tennis player at first, she _____ to be a champion.

- A. came round B. turned up C. turned out D. went out

Câu 43: Mr. Simpkins is a big _____ in the company as he has just been promoted to the position of Managing Director.

- A. cheese B. apple C. meat D. bread

Câu 44: She has decided to move to Portland _____ there are more opportunities for employment in that city.

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

Câu 45: George has _____; he loves cakes, chocolate, ice-cream - anything which is sweet.

- A. a sweet tooth B. sweet lips C. a sweet mouth D. a sweet tongue

Câu 46: You've all _____ the point. The film itself is not racist. It simply tries to make us question our own often racist attitude.

- A. mistaken B. lost C. missed D. miscalculated

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 47 to 48.

Câu 47: His report was harshly criticized by fellow students because the information was deemed too sensitive to be discussed.

- A. gently B. severely C. bitterly D. softly

Câu 48: I really like him, but I'm confused. He seems to blow hot and cold - one minute he likes me, and the next, he's ignoring me!

- A. constant B. ambivalent C. changeable D. loyal

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 49 to 50.

Câu 49: Around 150 B.C, the Greek astronomer Hipparchus developed a system to classify stars according to brightness.

- A. categorize B. diversify C. record D. shine

Câu 50: It's the good weather that makes Spain such a popular tourist destination.

- A. nervous B. sudden C. favourite D. massive

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