

(Đề gồm có 03 trang)

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (6.25 points)

Listen to the dialogue about the Boston Marathon and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions. You will hear it twice.

Question 1: Where did John McDermott come from?

- A. New York B. Japan C. London D. China

Question 2: Women were officially allowed to participate in the race in _____.

- A. 1967 B. 1957 C. 1977 D. 1987

Question 3: _____ became the first official female champion in the Boston race.

- A. Kuscscik B. John McDermott C. John Smith D. Ken Smith

Question 4: The Boston Marathon is held for _____.

- A. people from every part of America. B. people around the world
C. only American people D. only Canadian people

Question 5: Which statement is **NOT TRUE** about the Boston Marathon?

- A. It ends in the center of Boston
B. It is held in the USA
C. Runners have to run through 13 towns
D. Runners have to run about 52 km

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 6: A. monitor B. month C. money D. monkey

Question 7: A. church B. chemistry C. changeable D. champion

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

Question 8: Isabel expected _____ to the university, but she wasn't.

- A. admitting B. admit C. to be admitted D. being admitted

Question 9: She _____ Tom for being so rude to him.

- A. apologized at B. apologized to C. apologized for D. apologized on

Question 10: I know he is _____ because he always helps people without thinking of his own benefit.

- A. loyal B. friendly C. unselfish D. selfish

Question 11: A burglar _____ into the house while we _____ television.

- A. broke/ had watched B. broke/were watching
C. was breaking/were watching D. had broken/watched

Question 12: One disadvantage of living in the town is the lack _____ safe places for children to play.

- A. at B. of C. with D. for

Question 13: _____ photographs of the place, I had no desire to go there.

- A. Having seen B. Seeing C. Seen D. Saw

Question 14: She has a very outgoing _____, which helps her to make friends very easily.

- A. personality B. personalize C. personal D. personally

Question 15: If our teacher were here now, he _____ us with this difficult exercise.
A. helps B. has helped C. will help D. would help

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in the following question.

Question 16: Henry's unselfishness has made him very popular among his friends.
A. constancy B. loyalty C. generosity D. sympathy

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete the following exchange.

Question 17: John and Paul are talking about past experiences.

- John: _____.
-Paul: Well, it made me more interested in learning English.
A. What kind of volunteer work are you participating in?
B. How did the experience affect you?
C. What type of competition was it?
D. Who are you going to invite to your birthday party?

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.

There are many advantages of having online friends. First, they can be anywhere in the world, so you can learn about (18) _____ cultures and lifestyles. Distance does not matter, as all you need is a computer. Second, you can contact them whenever you wish - (19) _____ they are online - and you can end the conversation easily when you have other things to do. What's more, you can save a lot of money as there'll be no dinners, parties or get-togethers. You don't have to spend money (20) _____ things like food and drinks or cinema tickets. Most importantly, you can quickly end a relationship when you don't feel comfortable with the person any more. The only thing, perhaps, you don't like about this kind of (21) _____ is that sometimes you don't know for sure who these friends really are. They may not use their real names and post other people's photos.

Question 18: A. different B. differ C. difference D. differently

Question 19: A. as long as B. even if C. though D. besides

Question 20: A. on B. with C. of D. at

Question 21: A. selfishness B. loyalty C. friendship D. constancy

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.

Completing a marathon is considered very difficult, but many coaches believe that it is possible for anyone who is willing to put in the time and effort. Obviously, most participants do not run a marathon to win. More important for most runners is their personal finish time and their placement within their specific age group and gender. Another very important goal is to break certain time barriers. For example, ambitious recreational first-timers often try to run the marathon under 4 hours more competitive runners will attempt to run under 3 hours. Many runners then prefer to finish for example in 3:29:59, which makes them "sub' 3:30h marathoners", instead of 3:30:01.

For most runners, the marathon is the longest run they have ever *attempted*. Many coaches believe that the most important element in marathon training is the long run. Recreational runners commonly try to reach a maximum of about 20 miles in their longest weekly run and about 40 miles a week in total when training for the marathon. More experienced marathoners may run a longer distance. During marathon training, adequate recovery time is crucial. If fatigue or pain is felt, it is recommended to take a break for a couple of days or more to let the body heal.

Overtraining is a condition that results from not getting enough rest to allow the body to recover from difficult training. It can actually result in a lower endurance and speed and place a runner at a greater risk of injury.

Question 22: The word **attempted** in the passage means _____.

- A. lost B. tried C. failed D. given up

Question 23: A marathon completion is _____.

- A. impossible B. not very difficult
C. very difficult D. Easy

Question 24: If a marathon runner feels tired or have a pains, _____.

- A. he should take a break for several days
B. he should quit running forever
C. it is time for him to stop his training
D. he should continue the training

Question 25: One of the important goals in a marathon competition is _____.

- A. reaching the finish B. gender
C. age D. breaking time barriers

II. WRITING (1.75 points)

Combine the two sentences, beginning with the word/ phrase given. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

Question 26: You got into so much trouble because you didn't listen to me.

If _____

Question 27: I often pick my children up every day. They're accustomed to it.

My children are accustomed to _____

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the one printed before it. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

Question 28: Paul said to Mary "It was very kind of you to help me to put these tables away.

Thank you."

Paul thanked _____

Question 29: He turned the television on. Then there was a power failure.

Hardly _____

Question 30: My parents allowed me to use their car when in need.

→ My parents let _____

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