**GRADE 12**

**Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

  Gary Hall Jr., born in Cincinnati, Ohio, was an exceptional swimmer who faced significant ***\_\_1\_\_*** throughout his career. By 22, he competed in the 1996 Summer Olympics, winning four medals and setting an Olympic record. However, at 24, he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. **\_\_2\_\_** feeling devastated, Gary decided he wouldn't **give up** and continued to train with all his strength. His hard work **\_\_3\_\_** at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, where he won four more medals, including two golds. He continued his career and competed at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, where he won **\_\_4\_\_** gold and a bronze medal. Throughout his journey, Gary faced the **\_\_\_5\_\_** of doubt about his age and health, but he consistently proved his doubters wrong. With his **\_\_\_6\_\_**, he achieved great success.

1. A. challenges B. consequences C. realities D. facts
2. A. In spite of B. On account of C. In view of D. Because of
3. A. **paid off** B. throw away C. put out D. take in
4. A. another B. other C. the others D. a few
5. A. amount B. number C. level D. quality
6. A. determination B. satisfaction C. sympathy D. exhaustion

Are you someone who loves \_\_\_7\_\_ but often struggles to find the perfect companion for your trips? Look no further! We have the \_\_\_8\_\_\_ solution for you. "Travel Match" can help you find the ideal travel buddy \_\_\_9\_\_ on your interests and personality. No more 10 \_\_\_\_\_ or mismatched travel companions. With Travel Match, you can create a profile, view other travelers' profiles, and 11 \_\_\_\_\_ the perfect person to explore new destinations with. Whether you’re 12 \_\_\_\_\_ adventure or just relaxing on the beach, Travel Match has got you covered!

Question 7.A. travel B. traveling C. to travel D. traveled

Question 8. A. perfect B. perfectly C. perfection D. perfectionist

Question 9. A. based B. basing C. which based D. is basing

Question 10.A. solo tiresome journeys B. tiresome solo journeys

C. journeys tiresome solo D. solo journeys tiresome

Question 11.A. put B. make C. choose D. take

Question 12.A. into B. out C. on D. at

**Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

PROMOTE MENTAL WELL-BEING AT HOME!

Nurturing Your Mind and Spirit Taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical health, (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helps us cope with stress, build resilience, and lead fulfilling lives.

Facts and Figures

➢ Nature’s Impact: Studies show that (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time outdoors can significantly reduce stress levels. However, many people feel they lack access to green spaces.

➢ Screen Time Concerns: Excessive daily screen time is linked to increased anxiety and depression. (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_ spending too much time on the phone screen, why don’t we go outside and get some fresh air? Positive Actions You Can Take

• Designate a cozy corner in your home for reading, meditation, or simply unwinding. (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inviting with soft lighting, plants, and comfortable seating.

• Start a gratitude journal! Write down three things you're thankful (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each day to cultivate a positive mindset.

• Make time for meaningful conversations with family and friends. Connect with (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regularly help strengthens your support network and combats feelings of isolation.

Question 13. A. which B. when C. where D. who

Question 14. A. spend B. spent C. spending D. spends

Question 15. A. Although B. Instead of C. On account of D. Irrespective of

Question 16. A. Throw away B. Pass out C. Put off D. Make it

Question 17. A. for B. to C. as D. it

Question 18. A. another B. other C. others D. to other

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions** .

1. a. Tom: Hi! Would you like to see a play at the concert?

b. Tom: I suggest seeing “Hamlet”.

c. Helen: Sure! That sounds great! What play do you want to see?

A. c – a – b B. b – c – a C. c – b – a D. a – c - b

1. a. Peter: What sport do you play, Mary?

b. Mary: Who is your favorite player?

c. Peter: I see. I enjoy playing soccer the most.

d. Peter: It’s Lionel Messi. He’s an Argentine player.

e. Mary: My health is not quite good so I just do yoga.

A. a – c– b– d – e B. a – e – c – b – d C. b – d – c – a – e D. b – c – a – d – e

**21.** a. This is because having a wide range of abilities will make you more attractive to employers.

b. Also, learning new things, especially high-tech skills like computer programming or data analysis will help you be more competitive in the job market.

c. For example, if you are working for a company that does business internationally, learning a new language might help you get a better salary.

d. Lifelong learning can offer benefits for your professional development.

e. Overall, lifelong learning is an important part of personal and professional development.

A. d-b-c-e-a B. a-b-c-d-e C. b-c-d-a-e D. c-a-d-b-e

**22**. a. For some teens, it is more important to be cool and popular online than offline. They spend hours every day trying to create the perfect "online life."

b. The apps are designed to make people keep using them by knowing exactly what they like to read, watch, and look at and showing you it when you turn on the app.

c. This means you will always see new interesting content.

d. The first cause of social media addiction is the social media apps.

e. The second cause of social media addiction is the need to create an attractive "online life."

A. d – b – c – e – a B. d – c – a – b – e C. d – a – e – b – c D. d – e – b – c - a

**23**. a. B: No. I wouldn't I think it would be a boring job. I wouldn't like working alone.

b. A: Do you think you'd be a good receptionist?

c. B: I think I'd be OK. I'm confident but not organized.

d. A: Would you like to be a receptionist?

A. c-a-b-d B. d-a-b-c C. c-a-d-b D. a-c-b-d

**24.** a. In 1976, Steve Jobs co-founded Apple Inc. with Steve Wozniak. They introduced the Apple II that became popular due to its user-friendly design.

b. Eventually, Apple purchased NeXT in 1996, and Jobs returned to Apple as CEO, he introduced revolutionary products such as the iPod, iPhone, and iPad.

c. After that, Jobs left Apple in 1985 and founded NeXT Inc., which focused on creating high-end workstations.

d. Unfortunately, Jobs passed away on October 5, 2011, leaving behind a legacy as a visionary entrepreneur and innovator.

e. While managing NeXT Inc., Jobs also became the CEO of Pixar Animation Studios, which produced successful films.

A. d-b-e-c-a B. a-e-d-b-c C. b-e-a-c-d D. a-c-e-b-d

**25**. a. As a result, globalization has made the world of music more diverse and inclusive, bringing people together through the universal language of music.

b. With the internet and digital technology, musicians can easily distribute their music to fans in different countries.

c. In conclusion, the ability to share music globally is a significant benefit of globalization that has enriched the music industry and brought joy to people everywhere.

d. Globalization has many benefits for music, one of which is the ability to share music with people all around the world.

e. For example, a musician from Africa can now share their music with fans in Europe or Asia with just a few clicks.

A. b-d-a-e-c B. d-b-e-a-c C. d-b-a-e-c D. b-a-e-c-d

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.**

Vietnamese cultural identity is a rich and intricate tapestry that reflects the nation's long and storied history. Rooted in over a thousand years of civilization, Vietnam's cultural **identity** is a fusion of indigenous traditions and external influences, shaped by its geographical location and historical interactions.

First and foremost, at the heart of Vietnamese culture is a deep reverence for family and community. Confucian values emphasizing respect for elders, filial piety, and social harmony have played a **pivotal** role in shaping Vietnamese society. These values are reflected in the close-knit family structures, hierarchical relationships, and communal rituals that are integral to daily life.

Secondly, Vietnamese cuisine is celebrated worldwide for its exquisite flavors and diversity. With **its** emphasis on fresh ingredients, fragrant herbs, and balanced flavors, Vietnamese food tells a story of the country's agricultural heritage and regional variations. Iconic dishes like pho, banh mi, and spring rolls have become global favorites, representing the culinary artistry deeply ingrained in Vietnamese culture. Also, Vietnam's artistic expressions are equally captivating. Traditional art forms like water puppetry, silk painting, and folk music continue to thrive alongside contemporary artistic movements. Áo dài, a graceful traditional dress, exemplifies the fusion of elegance and modesty in Vietnamese fashion, symbolizing cultural pride and identity.

**Today, in the face of modernization and globalization, Vietnamese cultural identity remains resilient**. While adapting to the challenges of the 21st century, the Vietnamese people continue to honor their traditions, celebrate their unique cultural expressions, and pass on their heritage to future generations, ensuring that their cultural identity remains vibrant and enduring.

**Question 26**. The word **identity** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** characteristic **B.** personality **C.** individuality **D.** distinctness

**Question 27**. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as Confucian values emphasizing respect for?

A. filial piety B. social harmony C. individualism D. elders

**Question 28**. The word **pivotal** in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by

**A.** vital **B.** unimportant **C.** hilarious **D.** unsubstantial

**Question 29**. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

**A.** Because the modernization and globalization, Vietnamese cultural identity continues to endure.

**B.** Despite modernization and globalization, Vietnamese cultural identity continues to stay strong.

**C.** Vietnam is facing the modernization and globalization and develops resilient of cultural identity.

**D.** Even with modernization and globalization, Vietnamese cultural identity is changing quickly.

**Question 30.** The word **its** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** Vietnamese cuisine **B.** Vietnamese people **C.** Traditional art forms **D.** Agricultural heritage

**Question 31.** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

**A.** Vietnamese cultural identity is static and unchanging.

**B.** Modernization has completely erased Vietnamese traditions.

**C.** Vietnamese cuisine has gained international recognition.

**D.** Water puppetry is no longer practiced in Vietnam.

**Question 32**. In which paragraph does the writer mention a present concession relationship?

**A.** Paragraph 1 **B.** Paragraph 2 **C.** Paragraph 3 **D.** Paragraph 4

**Question 33**. In which paragraph does the writer state that Vietnamese cultural identity is influenced by both internal and external factors?

**A.** Paragraph 1 **B.** Paragraph 2 **C.** Paragraph 3 **D.** Paragraph 4

**Read the following passage consumerism and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.**

Consumerism focuses on the belief that it's **beneficial** to encourage people to buy and use a large number of goods or services. During its early years of development, consumerism was influenced by the Age of Exploration, which occurred from the 15th to 18th century. During this period, European exploration and colonization of the new lands of America, Africa, and parts of Asia provided the European countries with an abundance of raw materials. These materials were used to create more consumer goods, while vast colonies meant there were large markets to consume the goods European countries produced. These two factors helped increase the spread of consumerism.

**[I]** The Industrial Revolution, which started in the 1700s in England and soon spread to other countries in Europe and North America, also played a pivotal role in spreading consumerism worldwide. **[II]** However, the revolution radically changed this. The invention of new machines, the use of new basic materials, and new energy sources **gave rise to** a huge number of factories being built in towns and cities where goods could be mass-produced. **[III]** The greater availability of new and cheap goods meant that there was a greater variety of affordable products for people to choose from, helping intensify the trend toward consumerism.**[IV]**

**In the 20th century, effective marketing campaigns caused people to associate their social status with their level of consumption.** This led to a boom in consumption rates on a global scale. Today, consumerism continues to intensify as a result of influential marketing strategies and the cheap and steady supply of resources and goods. **(272 words)**

**Question 34.** The word **beneficial** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Useful **B.** advantageous **C.** useless **D.** valuable

**Question 35.** Where in paragraph 2 does the following sentence best fit?

**Before the Industrial Revolution, goods were produced on a small scale, often in people's homes**

**A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]**

**Question 36.** Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

1. Consumerism emerged from the Age of Exploration, driven by abundant raw materials and new markets.
2. The Industrial Revolution led to significant unemployment and increased poverty for many workers.
3. Agricultural innovations during this time significantly improved food production and farming efficiency.
4. A growing population resulted in the establishment of more schools and healthcare facilities.

**Question 37.** According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the changes the Industrial Revolution brought?

**A.** new machines **B.** new energy sources **C.** new basic materials **D.** new markets

**Question 38.** The phrase **gave rise to** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** resulted in **B.** originated from **C.** brought up **D.** carried out

**Question 39.** The word **their** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Campaigns **B**. people **C.** goods **D.** products

**Question 40.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

1. In the 20th century, successful marketing strategies led individuals to link their social status with their consumption habits.

**B.** In the 20th century, many people chose to live in the countryside for a quieter lifestyle.

**C.** New technologies during this time mainly focused on improving how people communicate and travel around the world.

**D.** Sports and outdoor activities became more popular in the 20th century, encouraging many people to stay active.

**Question 41.** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

**A.** The Industrial Revolution took place after the Age of Revolution.

**B.** By the start of the Industrial Revolution, production just took place on a small scale.

**C.** When goods were mass-produced, there were more affordable options for customers to choose.

**D.** Nowadays, consumerism has nearly disappeared.

**Question 42.** What can be inferred about the effects of marketing campaigns on consumerism?

**A.** It made people think that they could achieve high social status when they bought more goods.

**B.** It led people to believe that buying more goods was a way to contribute to the economy.

**C.** People from higher social status consumed more goods.

**D.** Consumption increased in line with people achieving higher social status.

**Question 43.** What serves as the best title for the passage?

**A.** The Age of Exploration and the Industrial Revolution **B.** The History of Consumerism

**C.** How Consumerism Changed the World **D.** Consumerism Worldwide