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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 1 to 8.

Smart cards and mobile phones are becoming an increasingly popular way to make all sorts of payments. Even now, in Japan thousands of transactions, from paying rail tickets to picking up the groceries, take place every day with customers passing their handsets across **a small flat-screen device**. And predictions in the world of finance reckon that payments using mobile phones will have risen to more than \$50 billion in the very near future.

What's the appeal of e-cash? Compared to cheques or credit cards, it offers the speed of cash, but more so. It takes just one tenth of a second to complete most transactions and as no change is required, errors in counting are eliminated. Fraud and theft are also reduced and for the retailer, it reduces the cost of handling money. Sony's vision of having a chip **embedded** in computers, TVs and games consoles means that films, music and games can be paid for easily without having to input credit card details.

And what about the future of the banks? Within their **grip** on the market, banks and credit-card firms want to be in a position to collect most of the fees from the users of mobile and contactless-payment systems. But the new system could prove to be a "disruptive technology" as far as the banks are concerned. If payments for a few coffees, a train ticket and a newspaper are made every day by a commuter with a mobile, this will not appear on their monthly credit card statements but on their mobile phone statements. And having spent fortunes on branding, credit-card companies and banks do not want to see other payment systems gaining popularity. It's too early to say whether banks will miss out and if so, by how much. However, quite a few American bankers are optimistic. They feel there is reason to be suspicious of those who predict that high-street banks may be a thing of the past. They point out that Internet banking did not result in the closure of **their** high-street branches as was predicted. On the contrary, more Americans than ever are using local branches. So, whether we'll become a totally cash-free society remains open to contention.

Question 1: What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

- A. The absence of traditional payment methods.
- B. The increasing popularity of new payment methods.
- C. Predictions of future payment methods.
- D. Japan's advanced forms of payment.

Question 2: Why does the author mention "**a small flat-screen device**" in the first paragraph?

- A. to criticize the e-cash system
- B. to exemplify the e-cash system
- C. to praise the e-cash system
- D. to inform the e-cash system

Question 3: Which of the following is NOT true about the strong point of e-cash?

- A. faster speed
- B. fewer mistakes
- C. reduced cost
- D. no fraud

Question 4: The word "**embedded**" in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. integrated B. isolated C. generated D. manufactured

Question 5: The word "**grip**" in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. wealth B. power C. success D. range of branches

Question 6: The author mentions the case of commuters in the third paragraph to illustrate _____.

- A. the modern technology of the e-cash system C. the transferability of the system
B. the banks' cooperation with credit-card companies D. a possible drawback of the system

Question 7: The word "**their**" in the third paragraph refers to _____.

- A. credit cards B. Internet banking C. American bankers D. high-street banks

Question 8: How does the writer seem to feel about the future of banks?

- A. uncertain B. optimistic C. pessimistic D. neutral

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 9: A. garden B. various C. farm D. harm

Question 10: A. desks B. maps C. plants D. chairs

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

Question 11: Our teacher arrived after we _____ for him for ten minutes.

- A. was waiting B. have waited C. had waited D. waited

Question 12: Never before _____ as rapidly as during the last decades.

- A. technology is developing C. technology has developed
B. has technology developed D. has developed technology

Question 13: He had already learned the news. I _____ the trouble to phone him about it.

- A. should have taken C. could have taken
B. needn't have taken D. mustn't have taken

Question 14: The top shelf in the cupboard is too high for me _____.

- A. to reach B. reaching C. to reaching D. for reaching

Question 15: The headmaster wanted to know _____ the information for the article.

- A. where you get C. where did you get
B. where will you get D. where you had gotten

Question 16: Let's go for a ride, _____?

- A. are B. do we C. haven't we D. shall we

Question 17: It is a tradition to put _____ on a Christmas tree so the tree is very bright and beautiful.

- A. decorations B. presents C. flowers D. colors

Question 18: Cultural diversity supports the idea that every person can _____ a unique and positive contribution to the larger society because of, rather than in spite of, their differences.

- A. take B. make C. lead D. pay

Question 19: His brother refuses to even listen to anyone else's point of view. He is very _____.

- A. open-minded
- B. absent-minded
- C. kind-hearted
- D. narrow-minded

Question 20: Since drinking water is a _____ resource, we should let children know how precious it is, and teach them to conserve it.

- A. limitless
- B. limiting
- C. limited
- D. limitation

Question 21: I can't do whatever I want because I am still financially _____ on my parents.

- A. determined
- B. dependable
- C. subject
- D. reliant

Question 22: John _____ his chances of passing by spending too much time on the first question.

- A. threw out
- B. threw away
- C. threw off
- D. threw in

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.

Question 23: A. wealthy B. inspire C. protect D. extinct

Question 24: A. execution B. political C. delegation D. conservation

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.

Question 25: Jenifer and Susan are talking about a book they have just read.

- Jennifer: "The book is really interesting and it's hard to put it down."
- Susan: "_____"

- A. Don't mention it.
- B. I couldn't agree with you more.
- C. That's nice of you to say so.
- D. It's alright.

Question 26: Peter: "My mother's much better now." - Kyle: "_____"

- A. Oh, I'm pleased to hear it
- B. Oh, really? The doctor must be very good
- C. Wonderful! Congratulations
- D. Good news for you

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.

Question 27: Human beings depend on species diversity to provide food, clean air and water, and fertile soil for agriculture.

- A. variety
- B. destruction
- C. contamination
- D. fertilizer

Question 28: Dozens of applicants showed up for the vacant position, but only a handful of them were shortlisted for the interview.

- A. small amount
- B. person
- C. hand
- D. small number

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.

Question 29: Some people have the idea that violent TV programs are the cause of real crime.

- A. It is sure that violent TV programs are the cause of real crime.
- B. Violent TV programs are thought to be the cause of real crime.
- C. It is reported that violent TV programs are the cause of real crime.
- D. It is considered that violent TV programs cause of real crime.

Question 30: The car was so expensive that I didn't buy it.

- A. The car was not so cheap that I couldn't buy it.
- B. The car was such expensive that I didn't buy it.
- C. The car was cheap enough for me to buy.
- D. The car was too expensive for me to buy.

Question 31: "The teacher gave us permission to leave the room"

- A. "You must leave the room," the teacher told us.
- B. "You ought to leave the room," the teacher told us.
- C. "I give you permission leave the room," the teacher told us.
- D. "You may leave the room," the teacher told us.

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.

Question 32: Polluted water and increased water temperatures have driven many species to the verge of extinction.

- A. enriched
- B. contaminated
- C. strengthened
- D. purified

Question 33: TEFL.com is a website which offers a job search facility to assist qualified students in finding work.

- A. hinder
- B. support
- C. help
- D. aid

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.

Question 34: My sister didn't leave the car key. As a result, I couldn't pick her up at the airport.

- A. If my sister left the car key, I would pick her up at the airport.
- B. If my sister had left the car key, I would have picked her up at the airport.
- C. If my sister have left the car key, I would have picked her up at the airport.
- D. If my sister had left the car key, I could pick her up at the airport.

Question 35: Some students failed because they completely ignored the instructions on the paper. The instructions appeared at the top of every page.

- A. Some students failed to ignore the instructions printed at the top of every page of the paper.
- B. Some students failed because they completely ignored the instructions appearing at the top of every page of the paper.
- C. No matter how completely some students ignored the instructions printed at the top of every page of the paper, he failed
- D. Even though some students ignored the instructions printed at the top of every page, he failed.

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 36 to 40.

Vietnamese footballing history has been rewritten by the country's U23 team, which secured a place in the final of the Asian Football Confederation Under-23 (AFC U23) Championship thanks to a dramatic victory (36)_____ Qatar.

The Qatari team, which had won all its previous matches in the (37)_____, opened the score-board with a successful penalty in the first half. (38)_____, Vietnam equalized halfway through the second half with a goal from Nguyen Quang Hai. The last few minutes of the second half saw Qatar take the lead, before Hai once again scored the equalizer for Vietnam to bring the match to (39)_____ time, which ended goalless.

In the penalty shootout, the Vietnamese team (40)_____ victorious after successfully converting four out of its five penalty kicks, while keeper Bui Tien Dung managed to save two penalties from the Qatari side.

(Adapted from “Vietnam storms to U23 Asian Cup final after beating Qatar on penalties”, by Staff reporters, 2018)

- Question 36:** A. from B. over C. on D. to
- Question 37:** A. tournament B. semifinal C. quarterfinal D. final
- Question 38:** A. Although B. Because C. However D. Despite
- Question 39:** A. more B. many C. extra D. much
- Question 40:** A. emerged B. win C. achieve D. become

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 41: Pam has a broken wrist so she can't play the tennis for months.

A B C D

Question 42: Rainforests are being cut and burning at such a speed that they will disappear from

A B C D

the earth in the near future.

Question 43: Water polo is a game in which is played in the water by two teams, each with seven

A B C D

players.

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 44 to 50.

The Singapore Science Centre is located on a six-hectare site in Jurong. At the centre, we can discover the wonders of science and technology in a fun way. Clap your hands and colorful bulbs will light up. Start a wheel spinning and it will set off a fan churning. It is a place to answer our curiosity and capture our imagination.

The centre features over four hundred exhibits **covering** topics like solar radiation, communication, electronics, mathematics, nuclear energy and evolution. **It** aims to arouse interest in science and technology among us and the general public. The centre is the first science one to be established in South East Asia. It was opened in 1977 and it now receives an average of one thousand, two hundred visitors a day. The exhibits can be found in four exhibition galleries. They are the Lobby, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Aviation. These exhibits are renewed annually so as to encourage visitors to make return visits to the centre.

Instead of the usual “**Hands off**” notices found in exhibition halls, visitors are invited to touch and feel the exhibits, push the buttons, turn the cranks or pedals. This is an interesting way to learn science even if you hate the subject. A Discovery Centre was built for children between the ages of three and twelve. This new exhibition gallery was completed in 1985. Lately this year a stone-age exhibit was built. It shows us about the animals and people which are extinct.

Question 44: What can be the best title of the passage?

- A. Singapore Science Centre B. Discovery Centre C. Physical Sciences D. Science Centre

Question 45: The word “It” in paragraph 2 refers to _____ .

- A. evolution B. the general public C. solar radiation D. the centre

Question 46: According to the paragraph 2, which of the following is **NOT** true about the Singapore Science Centre?

- A. The exhibits in the centre cover a wide range of topics.
B. The centre is the first one established in the world.
C. The centre was not opened until 1977.
D. Visitors are encouraged to return to the centre.

Question 47: It is stated in paragraph 2 that _____.

- A. the science centre makes people interested in science and technology
B. only students can visit the science centre
C. there are only several exhibits in the science centre
D. visitors don't want to come back to the science centre

Question 48: What does “Hand off” in paragraph 3 means?

- A. Touch B. Don't stand on C. Don't touch D. Keep away

Question 49: It is indicated in paragraph 3 that _____.

- A. it is impossible for visitors to touch and feel the objects in the centre
B. if you hate science you will never learn the subject even you visit the centre
C. children under 3 are not allowed to visit the centre
D. the “Hand off” notice is not found in the centre

Question 50: The author mentions all of the following in the passage EXCEPT_____.

- A. The centre is located in Jurong C. The exhibits are renewed every year.
B. There are four exhibition galleries in the centre. D. The centre is the biggest in Asia.

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