

**ĐỀ CHÍNH THỨC**

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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 1: The convention is an opportunity to enhance your business knowledge and polish your networking skills.

- A. improve                      B. enrich                      C. intensify                      D. diminish

Question 2: You'll never win the case as your lawyer is still wet behind the ears.

- A. lack of responsibility      B. lack of money              C. full of experience              D. full of sincerity

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 3 to 7.

The trend for children to multitask by juggling all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. Rocketing use of the Internet, iPods, mobile phones, and DVDs lies behind that finding. Scientists have confirmed the belief of many parents that it is impossible to concentrate on more than one thing at the same time. They found that children (4) \_\_\_\_\_ homework while sending messages via the Internet can end up spending 50% longer than if they had done each task separately.

David E Meyer, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is the Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, said that true multitasking is only possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He ran experiments demonstrating that young adults who had to switch from one maths problem to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer said: "For situations involving more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ all the tasks done will increase greatly. Over long periods, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and lead to mental and physical exhaustion."

Question 3: A. seriously                      B. absolutely                      C. intensely                      D. extremely

Question 4: A. attending                      B. undergoing                      C. engaging                      D. tackling

Question 5: A. who                      B. that                      C. whose                      D. whom

Question 6: A. another                      B. other                      C. many                      D. much

Question 7: A. make                      B. get                      C. put                      D. bring

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 8: "I'm sorry I called so late last night," said Joan.

- A. Joan wanted me to say sorry as I called so late last night.  
B. Joan forgot having called so late last night.  
C. Joan apologized for calling so late the previous night.  
D. Joan regretted not calling so late the previous night.

Question 9: People believe that the Prime Minister is in favour of the new law.

- A. The Prime Minister is believed to have been in favour of the new law.  
B. People believe the Prime Minister to have been in favour of the new law.  
C. People believe the Prime Minister to be in favour of the new law.  
D. The Prime Minister is believed to be in favour of the new law.

Question 10: You are not permitted to use your mobile phones during the test.

- A. You don't have to use your mobile phones during the test.  
B. You may not use your mobile phones during the test.  
C. You mustn't use your mobile phones during the test.  
D. You needn't use your mobile phones during the test.



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 11 to 15.

Newspapers and television news programs always seem to report about the bad things happening in society. However, there is a place where readers can find some good news. That place is the website called *HappyNews*. The man behind *HappyNews* is Byron Reese. Reese set up *HappyNews* because he thought other news sources were giving people an unbalanced view of the world. Reese said about *HappyNews*, "The news media gives you a distorted view of the world by exaggerating bad news, misery, and despair. We're trying to balance out the scale."

Not everyone agrees with Reese's view, though. Many people think that news sources have a responsibility to provide news that is helpful to people. People need to know about issues or problems in today's society. Then people are better able to make their own decisions about things that affect their daily lives. Reese said that *HappyNews* is not trying to stop people from learning about issues or problems. *HappyNews* is just trying to provide a balanced picture of today's world.

By the end of its first month online, *HappyNews* had more than 70,000 unique readers. About 60 percent of those readers were women. Something else unusual makes *HappyNews* different from any of the other news or information websites that are on the Internet. Unlike many other websites, *HappyNews* gets fan mail from its readers on a daily basis.

Question 11: What is the best title for the reading?

- A. "Good News for a Change"
- C. "Newspapers vs. Online News"

- B. "Why Women Like *HappyNews*"
- D. "Byron Reese Tells People How to be Happy"

Question 12: How is *HappyNews* different than other news sources?

- A. The website only has stories about women.
- C. Its stories are not about bad things.

- B. All of the stories are written by Reese.
- D. *HappyNews* does not exaggerate its stories.

Question 13: Why might some people NOT like *HappyNews*?

- A. The stories are from around the world.
- B. It doesn't tell them about important issues or problems.
- C. Reese's stories are about misery and despair.
- D. Some sources give a balanced view.

Question 14: Which of the following is NOT true about *HappyNews* after its first month online?

- A. Reese used it to create other websites.
- C. Most of its readers were women.

- B. Readers sent in nice letters about it every day.
- D. It had thousands of readers.

Question 15: What does the word unique mean in this reading?

- A. different
- B. one of a kind
- C. interesting
- D. awful

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

Question 16: He is a truly reliable friend. He always supports me and never lets me down.

- A. sensitive
- B. independent
- C. dependable
- D. decisive

Question 17: Prospects for employment remain bleak for most people in the area.

- A. Futures
- B. Opportunities
- C. Potentials
- D. Likelihoods

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 18: A. effective      B. romantic      C. elegant      D. dependent

Question 19: A. visit      B. invite      C. finish      D. open

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 20 to 26.

Do you know the indispensable part of your computer that is more than a century old? The modern typewriter was born in the back of Kleinschreiber's Machine Shop in Milwaukee. That's where Christopher Sholes took some piano wire and a telegraph key and built a crude typing device in 1868. It could type only one letter, a rather fuzzy-looking w, but it was still pretty amazing for its time. Sholes and his partners designed a more ambitious model with all the letters in the alphabet.

The typewriter had a problem, though. Try to type quickly on it, and the type bars banged into one another and got stuck. The solution to that problem resulted in the keyboard we know today.

Sholes consulted with an educator who helped him analyze the most common pairings of letters in the English language. He then split up those letters so that their type bars were farther apart and less likely to jam. That in turn dictated the layout of the keyboard - known as QWERTY, for the first five letters in the upper row. In a manner of speaking, he slowed down the typists to prevent jamming, and thus speed up the typing.



In 1874 the Sholes & Glidden type writer became the first to be mass-produced, and its keyboard layout was soon standard on all typewriters. The original Sholes & Glidden typed only capitals and was designed in an awkward fashion that prevented the typist from looking at the paper while typing. Ads trumpeted its value to clergymen and lawyers, but it sold quite poorly at first. One reason: it was expensive. It cost \$125, the equivalent of more than \$1,700 today.

Other keyboard layouts have been created since, and some are demonstrably more efficient, but the original continues to thrive. It is a telling illustration of the power of inertia and the reward of being first.

Question 20: What is TRUE, according to paragraph 1?

- A. The first typewriter was fuzzy looking.
- B. The first typewriter appeared more than 100 years ago.
- C. Sholes tried to improve the typewriter alone.
- D. Sholes was the owner of a shop in Milwaukee.

Question 21: The word It in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a piano wire
- B. a telegraph key
- C. a modern typewriter
- D. a crude typing device

Question 22: What was the weak point of the first typewriter model?

- A. low efficiency
- B. amazing letters
- C. strange-looking w
- D. poor design

Question 23: What does the passage state?

- A. Educators dictated how to group letters on the keyboard.
- B. A person could type very quickly on the first typewriter.
- C. Sholes avoided problems having rearranged the letters.
- D. Typists slowed down the improvement of the keyboard.

Question 24: What is NOT mentioned about the original Sholes & Glidden typewriters?

- A. They were widely advertised.
- B. The design was inconvenient for the users.
- C. Only capital letters could be typed on it.
- D. All the letters were in the upper row.

Question 25: The word awkward in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. graceful
- B. inconvenient
- C. handful
- D. gracious

Question 26: Which of the following can be inferred from the last paragraph?

- A. People continue to succeed in their business.
- B. People are ready to demonstrate efficiency.
- C. People are slow to accept something new.
- D. People are inclined to expect some reward.

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 27: We arrived at the cinema. Then we realized that our tickets were still at home.

- A. Not until we arrived at the cinema that we realized that our tickets were still at home.
- B. Hardly had we arrived at the cinema than we realized that our tickets were still at home.
- C. No sooner had we realized that our tickets were still at home than we arrived at the cinema.
- D. Only after we had arrived at the cinema did we realize that our tickets were still at home.

Question 28: I was impressed by his debut album. I found it rather expensive.

- A. If I were impressed by his debut album, it would be rather expensive.
- B. Despite being impressed by his debut album, I found it rather expensive.
- C. His debut album was impressive and rather expensive.
- D. I was impressed by his debut album because of its price.

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 29: High school students should be provided with adequate career orientation so that they can make more informative decisions about their future majors.

- A. with
- B. High
- C. orientation
- D. informative

Question 30: Coffee, one of the most popular drinks in the world, can have a stimulating effect on humans because of their caffeine content.

- A. their
- B. the
- C. humans
- D. stimulating

Question 31: A presentation about gender equality ought to make by each group of students.

- A. equality
- B. each
- C. about
- D. make

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 32: A. resemble B. legal C. female D. reunion

Question 33: A. stomach B. champion C. mechanic D. character

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 34: Joe and Nam are talking about the use of tablets.

- Joe: "Using tablets to jot down ideas can be great."

- Nam: "\_\_\_\_\_. They are useful in organising your thoughts."

A. I totally disagree with you

B. I can't agree with you more

C. Yes, tell me about it

D. I'm afraid not

Question 35: Ann is paying a compliment on Daisy's new dress.

- Ann: "You look very pretty in this dress!"

- Daisy: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. It's so nice of you to say that.

B. I see what you mean.

C. Thanks for your wish.

D. Yes, it is fairly expensive.

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

Question 36: The electricity will be reconnected \_\_\_\_\_ the bill.

A. when you will pay

B. when you pay

C. when you are paying

D. when you are going to pay

Question 37: I am passionate about playing \_\_\_\_\_ guitar while my sister is fond of watching movies.

A. Ø (no article)

B. an

C. the

D. a

Question 38: Everyone was surprised when that little-known band \_\_\_\_\_ the night's biggest award.

A. took off

B. ran off

C. went off

D. carried off

Question 39: Anne always does whatever Frank tells her to do. She's like \_\_\_\_\_ in his hands.

A. butter

B. glue

C. putty

D. clay

Question 40: Kate was the first applicant \_\_\_\_\_ a thank-you letter to the company.

A. wrote

B. written

C. to write

D. writing

Question 41: Applicants will be expected to have a good \_\_\_\_\_ of English.

A. order

B. aptitude

C. attitude

D. command

Question 42: The coastal areas have been severely \_\_\_\_\_ by the disposal of harmful chemical rubbish.

A. pollute

B. polluted

C. polluting

D. pollution

Question 43: The museum of modern art we went to yesterday was fantastic, but the entrance \_\_\_\_\_ was a bit expensive.

A. charge

B. cost

C. ticket

D. fee

Question 44: If people paid more attention to the environment, the Earth \_\_\_\_\_ greener.

A. would be

B. would have been

C. had been

D. will be

Question 45: The shop often closes at 7 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_?

A. does it

B. isn't it

C. is it

D. doesn't it

Question 46: Since our last meeting most of the students \_\_\_\_\_ more involved in volunteering.

A. become

B. have become

C. will become

D. became

Question 47: Facebook users should set strong passwords to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ into their accounts by strange people.

A. to be hacked

B. being hacked

C. hacking

D. to hack

Question 48: We are going to Japan \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of July.

A. in

B. on

C. at

D. by

Question 49: People have always depended on wildlife and plants for food, medicine, shelter and many other \_\_\_\_\_.

A. needs

B. provisions

C. demands

D. requirements

Question 50: Mary tries to study as hard as possible \_\_\_\_\_ she can get a full scholarship to study in England.

A. despite

B. in order to

C. because

D. so that

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