

BÀI ÔN TNPT SỐ 2

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 1: A. route B. scout C. doubt D. trout

Question 2: A. ruins B. economics C. leftovers D. details

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 3: A. maintain B. retain C. fountain D. entire

Question 4: A. referee B. electrician C. manufacture D. immortal

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 5: The officials of the Board of Elections asked that each voter present their registration card and a valid Texas driver's license before receiving a ballot.

A. receiving B. driver's C. their D. present

Question 6: For such a demanding job, you will need qualifications, soft skills and having full commitment.

A. will need B. such C. qualifications D. having full commitment

Question 7: Several people have apparent tried to change the man's mind, but he refuses to listen.

A. apparent B. Several C. mind D. to listen

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: The restaurants on the island are expensive, so it's worth.....a packed lunch.

A. take B. to take C. taken D. taking

Question 9:.....is caused by a virus was not known until 1911.

A. That measles B. Measles C. What if measles D. As measles

Question 10:.....smoking is a causative factor of many diseases, there is no ban on tobacco advertising.

A. In spite of B. However C. Although D. Therefore

Question 11: Simple sails were made from canvas.....over a frame.

A. stretched B. was stretched C. a stretch D. it was stretched

Question 12: Last year she earned.....her brother.

A. twice as much as B. twice more than C. twice as many as D. twice as more as

Question 13: Helen is allergic.....seafood, so she never tries these delicious dishes.

A. down B. up C. to D. on

Question 14: Fiona loves reading.....novels in her leisure time to help her unwind from her hectic life.

A. escaping B. escapist C. escapable D. escapism

Question 15: The politician tried to arouse the crowd, but most of them were.....to his arguments.

A. closed B. careless C. indifferent D. dead

Question 16: After nine months without any rain, the country was facing one of the worst.....in the last fifty years.

A. draughts B. floods C. eruptions D. droughts

Question 17: We must push the piano to the corner of the hall to.....our party tonight.

A. make place for B. take up room to C. give place to D. make room for

Question 18: On Christmas Eve, the.....family gathers for dinner, usually at my grandmother's house.

A. mere B. total C. entire D. complete

Question 19: John lost the.....bicycle he bought last week and his parents were very angry with him because of his carelessness.

A. beautiful Japanese blue new B. beautiful new blue Japanese

C. new beautiful blue Japanese D. Japanese beautiful new blue

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 20: *Phuong Thao is a student in Ms. Lan's writing class. She is asking for Ms. Lan's comments on her last essay.*

~ **Phuong Thao:** "You must have found reading my essay very tiring."

~ **Ms. Lan:** "..... I enjoyed it."

A. Just in case B. You're welcome C. Not in the least D. At all costs

Question 21: *Ann's mother is cooking in the kitchen.*

~ **Ann:** "Do you need any help?"

~ **Ann's mother:** "....."

A. No, thanks. I can manage.

B. I haven't got a clue.

C. That's all for now.

D. That's fine by me.

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

Question 22: Many scientists agree that global warming poses great threats to all species on Earth.

A. fears B. annoyances C. risks D. irritations

Question 23: Because of cutbacks in council spending, plans for the new swimming pool had to be shelved.

A. stopped B. cancelled C. disapproved D. delayed

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

Question 24: Because Jack defaulted on his loan, the bank took him to court.

A. failed to pay B. paid in full C. had a bad personality D. was paid much money

Question 25: Population growth rates vary among regions and even among countries within the same region.

- A. stay unchanged B. fluctuate C. remain unstable D. restrain

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 26: *I am sure he did not know that his brother graduated with flying colours.*

- A. That his brother graduated with flying colours must have been appreciated by him.
 B. ~~He cannot have known that his brother graduated with very high marks.~~
 C. He should not have been envious of his brother's achievement.
 D. He may not know that his brother is flying gradually up in a colourful balloon.

Question 27: *"We lost the last game because of the referee," said the team captain.*

- A. The team captain refused to tell the referee about their loss in the last game.
 B. The team captain admitted to the referee that they had lost in the last game.
 C. ~~The team captain blamed the referee for their loss in the last game.~~
 D. The team captain said that without the referee, they might have lost the last game.

Question 28: *The president placed his car at my disposal as a bonus for my good work.*

- A. To get rid of the car, the president decided to sell it to me, his good worker, at a bonus price.
 B. I was willing to drive the president's car as a compliment for my good performance at work.
 C. In order to praise me as a good worker, the president took me home in his own car.
 D. ~~To show his appreciation for my good work, the president allowed me to use his car whenever I liked.~~

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 29: *I had never seen her before. However, I recognized her from a photograph.*

- A. ~~Although I had never seen her before, I recognized her from a photograph.~~
 B. I recognized her from a photograph before I had never seen her.
 C. Although I had never seen her before but I recognized her from a photograph.
 D. After I had seen her, I recognized her from a photograph.

Question 30: *They drove fifteen miles off the main road. Also, they had nothing to eat for the day.*

- A. They drove fifteen miles off the main road until they had something to eat for the day.
 B. They neither drove fifteen miles off the main road nor had anything to eat for the day.
 C. Not only did they drive fifteen miles off the main road, they also had nothing to eat for the day.
 D. Driving fifteen miles off the main road, they eventually had something to eat for the day.

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.

Freya Stark (1893-1993) was an extraordinary woman who ventured into remote areas where few Europeans had ever (31).....foot. Born in Paris, brought up in Italy, and

*educated in London, she was already multilingual before deciding to learn Arabic at the end of 30. She travelled (32).....through Greece, Italy and Cyprus. However, her passion was for exploring ancient lands of the Middle East. She was determined to make contact with the tribes that populated the area before their traditional way of life vanished forever. She led expeditions into the most dangerous areas and despite the risks (she was even thrown into a military prison on one occasion), she always returned safe and (33)..... . During her travels, she completed a *trek* across the Valley of the Assassins, famous not only for its rough terrain but also for its murderous inhabitants, and followed in the (34).....of Alexander, the Great. In her long career she produced maps, discovered lost cities, and worked as a spy and propagandist, although it is as a travel writer that she is best remembered. She died at the age of 100, (35).....most women of her generation in more ways than one.*

- Question 31: A. placed B. got C. ~~set~~ D. put
 Question 32: A. deliberately B. privately C. ~~extensively~~ D. broadly
 Question 33: A. again B. back C. round D. ~~sound~~
 Question 34: A. departure B. footsteps C. time D. ~~trail~~
 Question 35: A. outstaying B. outweighing C. ~~outliving~~ D. outnumbering

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 36 to 42.

What makes it rain? Rain falls from clouds for the same reason as anything falls to Earth. The Earth's gravity pulls it. But every cloud is made of water droplets or ice crystals. Why doesn't rain or snow fall constantly from all clouds? The droplets or ice crystals in clouds are exceedingly small. The effect of gravity on them is minute. Air currents move and lift droplets so that the net downward displacement is zero, even though the droplets are in constant motion.

Droplets and ice crystals behave somewhat like dust in the air made visible in a shaft of sunlight. To the casual observer, dust seems to act in a totally random fashion, moving about chaotically without fixed direction. But in fact dust particles are much larger than water droplets and they finally fall. The cloud droplet of average size is only 1/2500 inch in diameter. It is so small that it would take sixteen hours to fall half a mile in perfectly still air, and it does not fall out of moving air at all. Only when the droplet grows to a diameter of 1/125 inch or larger can it fall from the cloud. The average raindrop contains a million times as much water as a tiny cloud droplet. The growth of a cloud droplet to a size large enough to fall out is the cause of rain and other forms of precipitation. This important growth process is called "coalescence."

- Question 36: *What is the main topic of the passage?*
 A. ~~The mechanics of rain~~ B. The climate of North America
 C. How gravity affects agriculture D. Types of clouds
 Question 37: *The word "minute" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to.....*
 A. second B. ~~tiny~~ C. slow D. predictable
 Question 38: *Why don't all ice crystals in clouds immediately fall to earth?*

- A. They are balanced by the pressure of rain droplets.
- B. The effect of gravity at high altitude is random.
- C. ~~They are kept aloft by air currents.~~
- D. The heat from the sun's rays melts them.

Question 39: The word “**visible**” in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to.....

- A. uncertain
- B. vague
- C. invisible
- D. ~~obvious~~

Question 40: What can be inferred about drops of water larger than 1/125 inch in diameter?

- A. They never occur.
- B. They are not affected by the force of gravity.
- C. ~~In still air they would fall to earth.~~
- D. In moving air they fall at a speed of thirty-two miles per hour.

Question 41: In this passage, what does the term “**coalescence**” refer to.....

- A. ~~The gathering of small clouds to form larger clouds~~
- B. The growth of droplets
- C. The fall of raindrops and other precipitation
- D. The movement of dust particles in the sunlight

Question 42: What is the diameter of the average cloud droplet?

- A. 1/16 inch
- B. ~~1/125 inch~~
- C. 1/2500 inch
- D. One million of an inch

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 43 to 50.

The *Harlem Renaissance*, a movement of the 1920's, marked the twentieth century's first period of intense activity by African Americans in the field of literature, art, and music in the United States. The philosophy of the movement combined realism, ethnic consciousness, and Americanism. Encouraged by the example of certain Americans of European descent such as *Thomas Eakins*, *Robert Henri*, and *George Luks*, who had included persons of African descent in their paintings as serious studies rather than as trivial or sentimental stereotypes, African American artists of this period set about creating a new portrayal of themselves and their lives in the United States. As they began to strive for social and cultural independence. Their attitudes towards themselves changed, and, to some extent, other segments of American society began to change their attitudes towards **them**, thus, thought the Harlem Renaissance was a short-lived movement, its impact on American art and culture continues to the present.

The district in New York City known as Harlem was the capital of the movement. In 1925 an issue of *Survey Graphic* magazine devoted exclusively to Harlem and edited by philosopher Alain Locke became the manifesto of the African American artistic movement. Locke strongly suggested that individuals, while accepting their Americanism, take pride in their African ancestral arts and **urged** artists to look to Africa for substance and inspiration. Far from advocating a withdrawal from American culture, as did some of his contemporaries, Locke recommended a cultural pluralism through which artists could enrich the culture of America. African Americans were

urged by Locke to be collaborators and participators with other Americans in art, literature, and music; and at the same time to preserve, enhance, and promote their own cultural heritage.

Artists and intellectuals from many parts of the United States and the Caribbean had been attracted to *Harlem* by **the pulse and beat** of its unique and dynamic culture. From this unity created by the **convergence** of artists from various social and geographical backgrounds came a new spirit, which, particularly in densely populated Harlem, was to result in greater group awareness and self-determination. African American graphic artists took their place beside the poets and writers of the *Harlem Renaissance* and carried on efforts to increase and promote the visual arts.

Question 43: What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. African American paintings in the 1920's.
- B. An arts movement of the 1920's.
- C. ~~The influence of Alain Locke on African American art.~~
- D. Some ways in which African culture inspired American literature, art and music.

Question 44: According to the passage, *Tomas Eakins*, *Robert Henri*, and *George Luks* were important because of.....

- A. the philosophical contributions they made to the Harlem Renaissance
- B. ~~their development of a new style of African American art~~
- C. the way in which they depicted African Americans in their paintings
- D. their independence from European artistic traditions

Question 45: The word “**them**” in the first paragraph refers to.....

- A. Americans of European descent
- B. paintings
- C. ~~African American artists~~
- D. attitudes

Question 46: According to the passage, African American artists of the 1920's differed from earlier African American artists in terms of their feelings about.....

- A. ~~themselves~~
- B. other artists
- C. their impact on American art
- D. stereotypes

Question 47: The word “**urged**” in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to.....

- A. prepared
- B. defined
- C. permitted
- D. ~~encouraged~~

Question 48: In mentioning “**the pulse and beat**” of Harlem during the 1920's, the author is characterizing the district as one that.....

- A. depended greatly on its interaction with other parts of the city
- B. ~~grew economically in a short period of time~~
- C. was an exciting place to be
- D. was in danger of losing population

Question 49: The word “**convergence**” in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to.....

- A. ~~gathering~~
- B. promotion
- C. expression
- D. influence

Question 50: According to the passage, all of the following were true of Harlem in the 1920's EXCEPT.....

- A. Some Caribbean artists and intellectuals lived there.

- B. It attracted people from various regions of United States.
- C. ~~It was one of the most expensive neighborhoods in New York City.~~
- D. It was a unique cultural centre.