SECTION A (8 points)

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. brush  B. culture  C. campos  D. justice
Question 2: A. imports  B. maintains  C. laughs  D. drops

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. maximum  B. inflation  C. character  D. applicant
Question 4: A. biography  B. admirable  C. compulsory  D. curriculum
Question 5: A. struggle  B. confide  C. anxious  D. comfort

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

Question 6: In a modern family, the husband is expected to join hands with his wife to ______ the household chores.
   A. do  B. run  C. take  D. make
Question 7: Most teenagers enjoy ______ the Internet for information and entertainment.
   A. to surf  B. surf  C. surfed  D. surfing
Question 8: It is raining heavily with rolls of thunder. We ______ such a terrible thunderstorm.
   A. never see  B. would never see  C. had never seen  D. have never seen
Question 9: This part of the country is famous ______ its beautiful landscapes and fine cuisine.
   A. about  B. for  C. of  D. with
Question 10: ______ they are delicious, hamburgers and French fries are too high in fat.
    A. Despite  B. Because  C. However  D. Although
Question 11: Without your help, I ______ the technical problem with my computer the other day.
    A. wouldn’t solve  B. can’t solve  C. couldn’t have solved  D. could solve
Question 12: In the wake of increasing food poisoning, many consumers have turned to vegetables ______ organically.
    A. are grown  B. that grown  C. grown  D. which grows
Question 13: Canned food is not as healthy as fresh food, ______?
    A. is it  B. isn’t it  C. does it  D. doesn’t it

Question 14: Two close friends Tom and Kyle are talking about Kyle’s upcoming birthday. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.
   - Tom: “Can I bring a friend to your birthday party?”
   - Kyle: “______”
     A. Let’s do it then.  B. It’s my honour.  C. That’s right.  D. The more the merrier.

Question 15: Most psychologists agree that the basic structure of an individual’s personality is ______.
   A. well established quite by the age of five
   B. by the age of five it is quite well established
   C. by the age of five and quite well established
   D. quite well established by the age of five
Question 16: A waiter in a restaurant is talking to a customer who has just finished his meal there. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.
- Waiter: "Here's your bill, sir."
- Customer: "______"
A. Don't mention it.  B. You're welcome.
C. Can I pay by credit card?  D. What do you have?

Question 17: She took a course in fine arts ______ starting her own business in interior design.
A. in order to  B. in terms of  C. with reference to  D. with a view to

Question 18: The firefighters' single-minded devotion to the rescue of the victims of the fire was ______.
A. respecting  B. respective  C. respectable  D. respectful

Question 19: Candidates are requested to ______ the form to the admissions officer by July 25th.
A. show up  B. hand in  C. fill out  D. pass over

Question 20: All the ______ in the stadium applauded the winner of the marathon when he crossed the finishing line.
A. spectators  B. audience  C. watchers  D. viewers

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 25: Not until all their demands had been turned down did the workers decide to go on strike for more welfare.
A. deleted  B. rejected  C. reviewed  D. sacked

Question 26: The overall aim of the book is to help bridge the gap between theory and practice, particularly in language teaching.
A. reduce the differences  B. increase the understanding  C. minimise the limitations  D. construct a bridge

Question 27: Environmentalists appeal to the government to enact laws to stop factories from discharging toxic chemicals into the sea.
A. releasing  B. dismissing  C. producing  D. obtaining

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 28: According to most doctors, massage relieves pain and anxiety, eases depression and ______ sizing up recovery from illnesses.
A. B  C  D

Question 29: New sources of energy have been looking for as the number of fossil fuels continues to decrease.
A. B  C  D

Question 30: The science of medicine, which progress has been very rapid lately, is perhaps the most important of all sciences.
A. B  C  D

Question 31: Because of bad weather conditions, it took the explorers three days reaching their destination.
A. B  C  D

Question 32: The longer the children waited in the long queue, the more impatiently they became.
A. B  C  D
THE DANGERS OF DIETING

Thanks to our modern lifestyle, with more and more time spent sitting down in front of computers than ever before, the (33) ______ of overweight people is at a new high. As people frantically search for a solution (34) ______ this problem, they often try some of the popular fad diets being offered. Many people see fad diets (35) ______ harmless ways of losing weight, and they are grateful to have them. Unfortunately, not only don’t fad diets usually (36) ______ the trick, they can actually be dangerous for your health.

Although permanent weight loss is the (37) ______, few are able to achieve it. Experts estimate that 95 percent of dieters return to their starting weight, or even (38) ______ weight. While the reckless use of fad diets can bring some (39) ______ results, long-term results are very rare.

(40) ______, people who are fed up with the difficulties of changing their eating habits often turn to fad diets. (41) ______ being moderate, fad diets involve extreme dietary changes. They advise eating only one type of food, or they prohibit other types of foods entirely. This results in a situation (42) ______ a person’s body doesn’t get all the vitamins and other things that it needs to stay healthy.

Adapted from "Active Skills for Reading: Book 3" by Neil J. Anderson
It has never been easy to forecast a tropical cyclone accurately. The goal is to know when and where the next tropical cyclone will form. “And we can’t really do that yet,” says David Nolan, a weather researcher from the University of Miami. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are also difficult to predict, even with computer assistance. In fact, long-term forecasts are poor; small differences in the combination of weather factors lead to very different storms. More accurate forecasting could help people decide to evacuate when a storm is on the way.

Adapted from “Reading Explorer 2” by Paul MacIntyre

Question 45: As stated in paragraph 1, tropical cyclones are storms with winds blowing at speeds of ______.
A. at least 200 kph
B. no less than 200 kph
C. less than 100 kph
D. more than 100 kph

Question 46: The word “they” in paragraph 1 refers to ______.
A. wind speeds
B. sweet-sounding names
C. tropical cyclones
D. weather professionals

Question 47: According to the passage, tropical cyclones are called typhoons in ______.
A. the Indian Ocean
B. the Atlantic Ocean
C. the Pacific Ocean
D. the Arctic Ocean

Question 48: The word “humid” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ______.
A. moist
B. thin
C. dry
D. thick

Question 49: Which of the following comes first in the process of storm formation?
A. Water vapor condenses.
B. Warm, humid air moves upward.
C. Liquid water falls.
D. Wind speed reaches 118 kph.

Question 50: According to the passage, a storm surge is ______.
A. a rise in sea level
B. pushing seawater
C. inland flooding
D. a tropical cyclone

Question 51: What is true about the storm surge of Cyclone Nargis?
A. It pushed seawater 4 kilometers inland.
C. It occurred in Myanmar in 2005.
D. It took a very high death toll.

Question 52: The word “evacuate” in paragraph 4 mostly means ______.
A. take preventive measures
B. call for relief supplies
C. move to safer places
D. make accurate predictions

Question 53: Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?
A. The center of a growing storm is known as its eye.
B. Tropical cyclones are often given beautiful names.
C. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are difficult to forecast.
D. Tropical cyclone predictions depend entirely on computer assistance.

Question 54: Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?
A. Cyclone Forecasting
B. Tropical Cyclones
C. Storm Surges
D. Cyclone Formation

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 55 to 64.

The concept of urban agriculture may conjure up images of rooftop, backyard or community gardens scattered among downtown city streets and surrounding neighborhoods. But in the Seattle area, and within and beyond the Puget Sound region, it means a great deal more. “Urban agriculture doesn't necessarily equate to production that occurs only in a metropolitan urban area,” says Jason Niebler, who directs the Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAgE) Initiative at Seattle Central Community College. “It's small scale agriculture with an urban focus,” Niebler says. “Any

Picture a series of concentric circles, with an urban core that produces some food at varying capacities, surrounded by a series of outlying rings of small farms that become increasingly more rural with distance. The hope is that such land use planning, from the inner core to the outer rings, will encourage local ecologically sound sustainable food production. This, in turn, will create local jobs and decrease reliance on distant food products that originate from petroleum-intensive large scale farms.

That's the idea behind SAgE, believed to be the nation's first metropolitan-based community college sustainable agriculture program that emphasizes farming practices across diverse landscape types from urban centers to surrounding rural environs. “It's small scale agriculture with an urban focus,” Niebler says. “Any
urban population, large or small, can practice sustainable agriculture, improve food security and protect the environment, which ultimately results in resilient food systems and communities.”

SAgE is a part of the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program, which is providing the project with $157,375 over two years. ATE’s goal is to support projects that strengthen the skills of technicians who work in industries regarded as vital to the nation’s prosperity and security. The support largely goes to community colleges that work in partnership with universities, secondary schools, businesses and industries, as well as government agencies, which design and implement model workforce initiatives.

The SAgE project focuses on the environmental, socioeconomic, political and cultural issues related to sustainable food systems within Puget Sound watersheds through student and community education and research, and technological innovation. The curriculum offers courses that cover such issues as agricultural ecology, urban food systems, food politics and ethics, soil science, sustainable food production and technology, the integration of food and forests, and career opportunities.

“We’ve created a curriculum that is fundamental in nature, addressing the principles of sustainable agriculture and what a food system is – how it functions both locally and globally,” Niebler says. “These courses are challenging, robust and inspirational. One of the really wonderful things about them is that we offer service learning opportunities, where students volunteer a portion of their time to working with local partner organizations. They can do a research project, or a service learning option. The ideal would be to prompt students into careers that involve sustainable practices in an urban agriculture setting.”

Adapted from “Promoting Sustainable Agriculture” by Marlene Cimons

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**Question 55:** It is stated in the passage that Jason Niebler ______.
A. preserves the core urban landscape
B. studies at Seattle Central Community College
C. directs the SAgE Initiative
D. provides food for Seattle’s population

**Question 56:** It can be inferred from the passage that the conventional idea of urban agriculture ______.
A. is associated with production only in metropolitan urban areas
B. aims at food production and consumption in both rural and urban regions
C. concerns with food production in any city’s surrounding areas
D. focuses mainly on agriculture within and beyond the Puget Sound region

**Question 57:** The word “concentric” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ______.
A. going in different directions
B. having the same size
C. having the same center
D. coming from different places

**Question 58:** Which of the following is supposed to be an outcome of the SAgE’s new land use planning?
A. Modernized farming practices in rural environs
B. Employment opportunities for local residents
C. Increased food production in large scale farms
D. Dependence on distant food products

**Question 59:** The phrase “in partnership with” in paragraph 4 probably means ______.
A. in addition to
B. in place of
C. together with
D. instead of

**Question 60:** The curriculum of SAgE at Seattle Central Community College offers courses covering the following EXCEPT ______.
A. career opportunities
B. urban system development
C. integration of food and forests
D. agricultural ecology

**Question 61:** In Niebler’s opinion, the courses offered by the SAgE project are ______.
A. hard but encouraging
B. challenging and costly
C. functional but impractical
D. robust but unpromising

**Question 62:** The word “them” in paragraph 6 refers to ______.
A. courses
B. opportunities
C. principles
D. students

**Question 63:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
A. Resilient food systems can be attributed to sustainable agricultural practices.
B. The curriculum that the SAgE project designs is fundamental in nature.
C. ATE helps to improve the skills of technicians in the nation’s major industries.
D. The SAgE project alone will offer students sufficient jobs in urban agriculture.

**Question 64:** Which of the following best describes the author’s tone in the passage?
A. Provocative
B. Supportive
C. Satirical
D. Skeptical
SECTION B (2 points)

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

**Question 1:** He now regrets that he didn't take the doctor's advice.
He now wishes __________________________________________________________.

**Question 2:** "I'm sorry. I didn't do the homework," Peter said to the teacher.
Peter apologised ________________________________________________________.

**Question 3:** I'm sure that he didn't attend the Conference on Wildlife Protection yesterday.
He can't ________________________________________________________________.

**Question 4:** She didn't pass the exam because of her serious illness.
Had she not ______________________________________________________________.

**Question 5:** Ms Betty is proud of her singing.
Ms Betty prides _________________________________________________________.

II. In about 140 words, write a paragraph about the benefits of knowing how to swim. Write your paragraph on your answer sheet.

The following prompts might be helpful to you.
- Keeping fit
- Relaxing
- Surviving/Saving people’s lives

THE END