

Họ và tên thí sinh: Số báo danh:

Read the following announcement 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 from 1 to 6.

ASIAN YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2025 - INSPIRING FUTURE INNOVATORS

Scheduled from September 2nd to 5th in Ho Chi Minh City, the Asian Youth Science Forum 2025 will welcome young researchers from 20 countries with the projects (1) _____ highlight creative solutions to global challenges. The forum will also invite Vietnam's (2) _____ universities to share their latest scientific achievements.

Participants will experience a large (3) _____ of presentations, experiments, and interactive exhibitions. In addition, several panel discussions (4) _____ by distinguished professors will provide deeper insights into sustainable development.

This forum offers a meaningful opportunity for teachers, students, and science (5) _____ to exchange ideas and (6) _____ new skills for their future academic paths.

- Question 1.** A. which B. whose C. who D. whom
Question 2. A. leading B. flying C. heading D. directing
Question 3. A. range B. number C. level D. amount
Question 4. A. being organised B. organised C. organise D. be organising
Question 5. A. enthusiastic B. enthuse C. enthusiastically D. enthusiasts
Question 6. A. pick up B. turn up C. break up D. give up

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(Adapted from Study Skills Guide)

- Question 7.** A. during B. in C. for D. at
Question 8. A. but B. so C. because D. nor
Question 9. A. items distracting small B. small items distracting
C. distracting items small D. distracting small items
Question 10. A. others B. the others C. another D. other
Question 11. A. effectively B. suddenly C. luckily D. rarely
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- a. Because this is such a meaningful year, I hope you won't let yourself get too distracted, especially by early relationships, so you can give more attention to your goals.

- b. I am writing from my workplace far from home to let you know how proud I am of you and how much I believe in you.
- c. As you begin your final year of high school, I hope you stay focused, work hard, and use this important time wisely.
- d. Remember that your efforts now will bring many opportunities later, and I will always love and support you no matter where I am.
- e. Even though I'm away, I trust that you will stay responsible, maintain healthy habits, and spend your time on what truly helps you grow.
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- a. In recent years, many places in Vietnam - especially the central region - have suffered severe floods that damaged houses, farmland, and essential infrastructure.
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CYCLING IN LONDON

Cycling is an eco-friendly activity that helps protect the environment, and many countries in Europe, including the UK, are encouraging it as they face problems like air pollution and heavy traffic. (18) _____. Over the past year, however, the number of people cycling in London has risen by an impressive 45 percent. This sharp increase mainly comes from the expansion of dedicated bike lanes, rising environmental awareness, and the city's ongoing efforts to reduce congestion and improve air quality. (19) _____.

What has driven this change? Much of the progress is thanks to the National Cycle Network project, (20) _____. The city has also invested heavily in improving cycling facilities, allocating significant resources to upgrading routes, enhancing safety features, and supporting a more cyclist-friendly urban environment. The introduction of secure bicycle parking on streets, at railway and underground stations, and in schools and workplaces (21) _____. Today, it is estimated that nearly 75 percent of the population live within two miles of a cycling route. (22) _____, people are making more cycling journeys than ever before, which is helping transform London into a healthier and more sustainable city.

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- A. Despite having only 20 million bikes, the British were long seen as keen cyclists
- B. Most of Britain's 20 million bikes saw regular use, showing limited cycling enthusiasm recently
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- A. However, London has been cleaner and quieter than many European capitals
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- C. In comparison, London has been classified as among the most polluted cities in Europe
- D. In terms of pollution levels, other cities across Europe now rank lower than London

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Renewable energy communities, where households work together to generate clean power, are growing rapidly in many countries. Smart meters, solar sensors, wind-speed trackers, and energy-analysis software provide real-time data that helps members optimise their shared systems. Collected information on sunlight levels, battery storage, and electricity usage allows energy teams to **accelerate** decisions on when to store, release, or share power. By acting quickly, communities avoid wasting energy and reduce dependence on the national grid.

Mapping tools show which rooftops receive the strongest sunlight and which areas should host additional solar panels. **They** also indicate places where wind turbines can operate safely. Drones deliver early alerts when equipment overheats or blades become **blocked**, so technicians can repair only the affected parts. This prevents large-scale breakdowns and helps lower maintenance costs for the entire community.

Automated energy-flow systems adjust power distribution every hour. Special software tracks household energy needs and forecasts weather patterns for the coming days. When energy demand increases or storms approach, the system changes the power route instantly. **This saves electricity and keeps renewable-energy projects viable,** especially in regions where weather conditions are unpredictable.

Digital platforms link households, engineers, and energy suppliers so they can update battery levels, output measurements, and transfer times immediately. Blockchain tools secure every entry, encouraging members to trust the recorded information. Over time, analytic programs compare seasonal data to predict energy shortages, plan resource allocation, and reveal weak points in the power network.

Question 23. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in paragraph 1 as a type of collected real-time data?

- A. electricity usage B. battery storage C. sunlight levels D. wind directions

Question 24. The word **accelerate** in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by ____.

- A. speed B. explain C. reduce D. request

Question 25. The word **blocked** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to ____.

- A. cleared B. stuck C. obstructed D. jammed

Question 26. The word **They** in paragraph 2 refers to ____.

- A. mapping tools B. rooftops C. solar panels D. wind turbines

Question 27. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Saving electricity helps renewable-energy projects remain affordable and effective.
- B. Renewable-energy projects work only when weather is stable.
- C. Saving electricity is unnecessary for the success of energy projects.
- D. Renewable-energy projects are successful because they always produce extra power.

Question 28. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to paragraph 4?

- A. Blockchain makes energy data unsafe.
- B. Members can trust information because blockchain protects it.
- C. Energy suppliers upload data only when requested.
- D. Analytic programs remove all seasonal information.

Question 29. Which paragraph mentions real-time tracking of power distribution?

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

Question 30. Which paragraph mentions a preventive measure against equipment failure?

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

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 following questions from 31 to 40.

[I] In today's quickly changing job market, where long-term employment is now a luxury, the idea of career cushioning has become increasingly important. [II] The rapid changes that followed restructuring, AI-driven change and mergers revealed how fast even stable jobs can disappear. [III] Career cushioning means preparing alternative options – such as improving skills, building networks, or exploring part-time opportunities – before problems arise. [IV]

An essential component of career cushioning is broadening one's work experience across diverse professional settings. Many individuals apply for apprenticeships, join short training courses, or take on **casual** work to expand their abilities. These experiences provide useful skills and insight into different fields. Although they may be

temporary, they can still offer security by opening new opportunities. This ongoing development widens opportunities and helps them **maintain momentum** even when market conditions shift unexpectedly.

The growth of remote work and digital communication has also changed how people prepare for possible job loss. Workers now recognize the importance of transferable skills – such as digital literacy, strong communication, and analytical thinking – which can be used in many professions. Employers are increasingly interested in adaptable employees who show initiative and responsibility. As companies, together with their departments, divisions, and workers, reshape their structures to respond to global changes, workers with a wider range of skills usually have better protection against sudden layoffs or reorganization, whereas those who rely mainly on technical specialization may find it harder to adapt to new roles.

In the end, career cushioning represents a fresh way of thinking about job security. Rather than depending on only one full-time position, individuals create several paths toward stability. This approach can be a new mindset, a practical strategy, a rewarding method, and **it** helps people reduce stress while discovering new interests and career options. Although uncertainty will always exist, preparing early allows individuals to respond more confidently when change arrives.

(Adapted from <https://theeverygirl.com/career-cushioning>)

Question 31. Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

Instead of reacting out of fear, many people see this as a practical way to stay safe.

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

Question 32. The word “**casual**” in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. informal B. permanent C. contractual D. seasonal

Question 33. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. A key area of career cushioning is gaining greater exposure to different types of work.
B. An essential part of career cushioning is relying mainly on one’s existing work experience.
C. A major aspect of career cushioning is broadening skills while keeping experience the same.
D. An essential element of career cushioning is developing experience focusing on familiar areas.

Question 34. The phrase “**maintain momentum**” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. give up B. carry on C. slow down D. break off

Question 35. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Workers with transferable abilities are better prepared for the job market changes.
B. Remote work and digital communication create stable positions for most employees.
C. Employers mainly value employees who follow instructions rather than show initiative.
D. Companies now appear to offer greater job security as they reshape their structures.

Question 36. Which of the following is **NOT** a transferable skill, according to paragraph 3?

- A. digital literacy B. effective interaction
C. critical thinking D. technical specialization

Question 37. The word “**it**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. a fresh way B. a new mindset C. this approach D. a rewarding method

Question 38. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. Career cushioning suggests simply waiting until problems occur before taking any action.
B. Expanding work experience helps workers gain valuable skills and insights into different areas.
C. Employers now focus only on technical knowledge instead of adaptability or responsibility.
D. Short-term or casual roles actually rarely offer any benefit for future career development.

Question 39. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Failing to build an alternative career plan may leave workers more vulnerable when the job market changes.
B. Employers increasingly favor workers who remain specialized in one area instead of developing broader transferable skills.
C. Some employees believe career cushioning can reduce the risk of unemployment, though it cannot completely remove uncertainty.
D. Remote work has made traditional job security less important, causing workers to rely mainly on digital tools rather than wider skills.

Question 40. Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Career cushioning encourages individuals to cultivate a range of skills, gain experience in various roles, and establish multiple pathways to ensure stability in a constantly evolving job market.
B. Career cushioning highlights the value of developing diverse skills and improving work experience, mainly discussing these aspects while briefly mentioning alternative paths.
C. Career cushioning emphasizes gaining work experience and exploring different roles, mainly focusing on short-term jobs rather than long-term planning and skill development.
D. Career cushioning is described as a strategy placing more emphasis on reducing stress and discovering new interests relative to broader skills, work experience, or multiple career paths.

THE END

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 - c. As you begin your final year of high school, I hope you stay focused, work hard, and use this important time wisely.
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- If you feel tired, take a short walk so you don't end up (34) _____ your wheels without making progress.

(Adapted from Study Skills Guide)

Question 29. A. for B. at C. during D. in

Question 30. A. but B. so C. because D. nor

Question 31. A. items distracting small B. small items distracting
C. distracting items small D. distracting small items

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Question 34. A. spinning B. losing C. turning D. running

Read the following announcement 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 from 35 to 40.

ASIAN YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2025 - INSPIRING FUTURE INNOVATORS

Scheduled from September 2nd to 5th in Ho Chi Minh City, the Asian Youth Science Forum 2025 will welcome young researchers from 20 countries with the projects (35) _____ highlight creative solutions to global challenges. The forum will also invite Vietnam's (36) _____ universities to share their latest scientific achievements.

Participants will experience a large (37) _____ of presentations, experiments, and interactive exhibitions. In addition, several panel discussions (38) _____ by distinguished professors will provide deeper insights into sustainable development.

This forum offers a meaningful opportunity for teachers, students, and science (39) _____ to exchange ideas and (40) _____ new skills for their future academic paths.

Question 35. A. which B. whose C. who D. whom

Question 36. A. heading B. directing C. leading D. flying

Question 37. A. range B. number C. level D. amount

Question 38. A. being organised B. organised C. organise D. be organising

Question 39. A. enthusiastic B. enthuse C. enthusiastically D. enthusiasts

Question 40. A. pick up B. turn up C. break up D. give up

THE END

Họ và tên thí sinh: Số báo danh:

Read the passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 1 to 8.

Renewable energy communities, where households work together to generate clean power, are growing rapidly in many countries. Smart meters, solar sensors, wind-speed trackers, and energy-analysis software provide real-time data that helps members optimise their shared systems. Collected information on sunlight levels, battery storage, and electricity usage allows energy teams to **accelerate** decisions on when to store, release, or share power. By acting quickly, communities avoid wasting energy and reduce dependence on the national grid.

Mapping tools show which rooftops receive the strongest sunlight and which areas should host additional solar panels. **They** also indicate places where wind turbines can operate safely. Drones deliver early alerts when equipment overheats or blades become **blocked**, so technicians can repair only the affected parts. This prevents large-scale breakdowns and helps lower maintenance costs for the entire community.

Automated energy-flow systems adjust power distribution every hour. Special software tracks household energy needs and forecasts weather patterns for the coming days. When energy demand increases or storms approach, the system changes the power route instantly. **This saves electricity and keeps renewable-energy projects viable,** especially in regions where weather conditions are unpredictable.

Digital platforms link households, engineers, and energy suppliers so they can update battery levels, output measurements, and transfer times immediately. Blockchain tools secure every entry, encouraging members to trust the recorded information. Over time, analytic programs compare seasonal data to predict energy shortages, plan resource allocation, and reveal weak points in the power network.

Question 1. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in paragraph 1 as a type of collected real-time data?

- A. electricity usage B. battery storage C. wind directions D. sunlight levels

Question 2. The word **accelerate** in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by ____.

- A. speed B. explain C. reduce D. request

Question 3. The word **blocked** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to ____.

- A. stuck B. obstructed C. jammed D. cleared

Question 4. The word **They** in paragraph 2 refers to ____.

- A. wind turbines B. mapping tools C. rooftops D. solar panels

Question 5. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Saving electricity helps renewable-energy projects remain affordable and effective.
B. Renewable-energy projects work only when weather is stable.
C. Saving electricity is unnecessary for the success of energy projects.
D. Renewable-energy projects are successful because they always produce extra power.

Question 6. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to paragraph 4?

- A. Blockchain makes energy data unsafe.
B. Members can trust information because blockchain protects it.
C. Energy suppliers upload data only when requested.
D. Analytic programs remove all seasonal information.

Question 7. Which paragraph mentions real-time tracking of power distribution?

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

Question 8. Which paragraph mentions a preventive measure against equipment failure?

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

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 from 9 to 13.

Question 9.

- a. **John:** That's amazing! Did you learn any specific lessons from them?
b. **Mary:** I love hearing my grandparents' life stories. They faced so many challenges growing up.
c. **Mary:** Definitely. They taught me to be strong and face my own challenges with confidence.

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

Question 10.

- a. **Jane:** Me too! I really want to learn how to make traditional pottery and talk to local artisans.
b. **Jane:** Definitely! Exploring the culture, meeting locals, and trying those activities will be fun.
c. **Tom:** Sounds great! We could also join a workshop or attend a cultural festival.
d. **Jane:** Hi Tom! Our cultural exchange trip is coming up soon. Are you getting excited?

e. **Tom:** Absolutely! I can't wait to try local food, visit historical sites, and join daily activities.

A. c - d - a - b - e

B. c - a - b - e - d

C. d - e - b - a - c

D. d - e - a - c - b

Question 11.

Dear Huong,

a. Because this is such a meaningful year, I hope you won't let yourself get too distracted, especially by early relationships, so you can give more attention to your goals.

b. I am writing from my workplace far from home to let you know how proud I am of you and how much I believe in you.

c. As you begin your final year of high school, I hope you stay focused, work hard, and use this important time wisely.

d. Remember that your efforts now will bring many opportunities later, and I will always love and support you no matter where I am.

e. Even though I'm away, I trust that you will stay responsible, maintain healthy habits, and spend your time on what truly helps you grow.

Yours lovingly, Dad.

A. a - d - c - e - b

B. b - c - a - e - d

C. b - c - e - d - a

D. d - a - e - c - b

Question 12.

a. To improve, I plan to join school clubs where I can practice working with others and get more comfortable sharing my opinions.

b. At times, I avoid speaking up because I'm afraid of saying something wrong or not expressing my ideas clearly.

c. I've realized recently that I lack many soft skills, especially communication and teamwork, which makes me feel unsure of my abilities in group projects.

d. Little by little, I hope these efforts will help me become more confident and develop the skills needed to connect well in a global environment.

e. I also want to learn from classmates who are confident speakers and observe how they interact with people from different backgrounds.

A. c - b - a - e - d

B. c - a - e - b - d

C. b - c - a - e - d

D. c - b - e - a - d

Question 13.

a. In recent years, many places in Vietnam - especially the central region - have suffered severe floods that damaged houses, farmland, and essential infrastructure.

b. Many communities are now improving early-warning systems, strengthening flood-resistant infrastructure, and restoring natural areas to reduce future danger.

c. These efforts help protect both the environment and local livelihoods, allowing communities to recover faster and become more resilient over time.

d. Because of these rising risks, more organizations and local authorities are paying greater attention to disaster preparedness and sustainable development.

e. As weather patterns become more unpredictable, such flooding has occurred more frequently and affected people's daily lives more seriously.

A. a - d - b - e - c

B. a - e - b - d - c

C. a - e - d - b - c

D. a - b - d - e - c

Read the following announcement 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 from 14 to 19.

ASIAN YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2025 - INSPIRING FUTURE INNOVATORS

Scheduled from September 2nd to 5th in Ho Chi Minh City, the Asian Youth Science Forum 2025 will welcome young researchers from 20 countries with the projects (14) _____ highlight creative solutions to global challenges. The forum will also invite Vietnam's (15) _____ universities to share their latest scientific achievements.

Participants will experience a large (16) _____ of presentations, experiments, and interactive exhibitions. In addition, several panel discussions (17) _____ by distinguished professors will provide deeper insights into sustainable development.

This forum offers a meaningful opportunity for teachers, students, and science (18) _____ to exchange ideas and (19) _____ new skills for their future academic paths.

Question 14. A. who

B. whom

C. which

D. whose

Question 15. A. flying

B. heading

C. directing

D. leading

Question 16. A. range

B. number

C. level

D. amount

Question 17. A. being organised

B. organised

C. organise

D. be organising

Question 18. A. enthusiastic

B. enthuse

C. enthusiasts

D. enthusiastically

Question 19. A. pick up

B. turn up

C. break up

D. give up

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 following questions from 20 to 29.

[I] In today's quickly changing job market, where long-term employment is now a luxury, the idea of career cushioning has become increasingly important. [II] The rapid changes that followed restructuring, AI-driven change and mergers revealed how fast even stable jobs can disappear. [III] Career cushioning means preparing alternative options – such as improving skills, building networks, or exploring part-time opportunities – before problems arise. [IV]

An essential component of career cushioning is broadening one's work experience across diverse professional settings. Many individuals apply for apprenticeships, join short training courses, or take on **casual** work to expand their abilities. These experiences provide useful skills and insight into different fields. Although they may be temporary, they can still offer security by opening new opportunities. This ongoing development widens opportunities and helps them **maintain momentum** even when market conditions shift unexpectedly.

The growth of remote work and digital communication has also changed how people prepare for possible job loss. Workers now recognize the importance of transferable skills – such as digital literacy, strong communication, and analytical thinking – which can be used in many professions. Employers are increasingly interested in adaptable employees who show initiative and responsibility. As companies, together with their departments, divisions, and workers, reshape their structures to respond to global changes, workers with a wider range of skills usually have better protection against sudden layoffs or reorganization, whereas those who rely mainly on technical specialization may find it harder to adapt to new roles.

In the end, career cushioning represents a fresh way of thinking about job security. Rather than depending on only one full-time position, individuals create several paths toward stability. This approach can be a new mindset, a practical strategy, a rewarding method, and **it** helps people reduce stress while discovering new interests and career options. Although uncertainty will always exist, preparing early allows individuals to respond more confidently when change arrives.

(Adapted from <https://theeverygirl.com/career-cushioning>)

Question 20. Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

Instead of reacting out of fear, many people see this as a practical way to stay safe.

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

Question 21. The word “**casual**” in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. seasonal B. informal C. permanent D. contractual

Question 22. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. A key area of career cushioning is gaining greater exposure to different types of work.
B. An essential part of career cushioning is relying mainly on one's existing work experience.
C. A major aspect of career cushioning is broadening skills while keeping experience the same.
D. An essential element of career cushioning is developing experience focusing on familiar areas.

Question 23. The phrase “**maintain momentum**” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. give up B. carry on C. slow down D. break off

Question 24. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Workers with transferable abilities are better prepared for the job market changes.
B. Remote work and digital communication create stable positions for most employees.
C. Employers mainly value employees who follow instructions rather than show initiative.
D. Companies now appear to offer greater job security as they reshape their structures.

Question 25. Which of the following is **NOT** a transferable skill, according to paragraph 3?

- A. digital literacy B. effective interaction
C. critical thinking D. technical specialization

Question 26. The word “**it**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. a fresh way B. a new mindset C. this approach D. a rewarding method

Question 27. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. Career cushioning suggests simply waiting until problems occur before taking any action.
B. Expanding work experience helps workers gain valuable skills and insights into different areas.
C. Employers now focus only on technical knowledge instead of adaptability or responsibility.
D. Short-term or casual roles actually rarely offer any benefit for future career development.

Question 28. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Employers increasingly favor workers who remain specialized in one area instead of developing broader transferable skills.
B. Some employees believe career cushioning can reduce the risk of unemployment, though it cannot completely remove uncertainty.
C. Remote work has made traditional job security less important, causing workers to rely mainly on digital tools rather than wider skills.
D. Failing to build an alternative career plan may leave workers more vulnerable when the job market changes.

Question 29. Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Career cushioning is described as a strategy placing more emphasis on reducing stress and discovering new interests relative to broader skills, work experience, or multiple career paths.
B. Career cushioning encourages individuals to cultivate a range of skills, gain experience in various roles, and establish multiple pathways to ensure stability in a constantly evolving job market.
C. Career cushioning highlights the value of developing diverse skills and improving work experience, mainly discussing these aspects while briefly mentioning alternative paths.
D. Career cushioning emphasizes gaining work experience and exploring different roles, mainly focusing on short-term jobs rather than long-term planning and skill development.

Read the following passage 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 from 30 to 34.

CYCLING IN LONDON

Cycling is an eco-friendly activity that helps protect the environment, and many countries in Europe, including the UK, are encouraging it as they face problems like air pollution and heavy traffic. (30) _____. Over the past year, however, the number of people cycling in London has risen by an impressive 45 percent. This sharp increase mainly comes from the expansion of dedicated bike lanes, rising environmental awareness, and the city's ongoing efforts to reduce congestion and improve air quality. (31) _____.

What has driven this change? Much of the progress is thanks to the National Cycle Network project, (32) _____. The city has also invested heavily in improving cycling facilities, allocating significant resources to upgrading routes, enhancing safety features, and supporting a more cyclist-friendly urban environment. The introduction of secure bicycle parking on streets, at railway and underground stations, and in schools and workplaces (33) _____. Today, it is estimated that nearly 75 percent of the population live within two miles of a cycling route. (34) _____, people are making more cycling journeys than ever before, which is helping transform London into a healthier and more sustainable city.

(Adapted from FCE Use of English)

Question 30.

- A. Despite having only 20 million bikes, the British were long seen as keen cyclists
- B. Most of Britain's 20 million bikes saw regular use, showing limited cycling enthusiasm recently
- C. In the 2010s, the British weren't keen on cycling, with only 5 out of 20 million bicycles in use
- D. Hardly any enthusiasm for cycling was evident in Britain recently, as regular use accounted for almost all bicycles nationwide

Question 31.

- A. However, London has been cleaner and quieter than many European capitals
- B. As a result, the capital has become a cleaner city compared with others in Europe
- C. In comparison, London has been classified as among the most polluted cities in Europe
- D. In terms of pollution levels, other cities across Europe now rank lower than London

Question 32.

- A. which has recently encouraged people to cycle for commuting and leisure
- B. where many critics argue has not improved cycling habits across the country in recent years
- C. whose primary focus is on maintaining existing roads rather than expanding the network
- D. that has been recently criticized for uneven cycling access between central and outer areas

Question 33.

- A. has raised concerns among cyclists about limited space in busy urban areas
- B. has put people off cycling by making the parking process needlessly complicated
- C. has introduced new guidelines for storing bicycles safely in public places
- D. has played a key role in increasing the number of regular cyclists

Question 34.

- A. While some areas continue to suffer from poor maintenance of cycling paths
- B. Because access has become more convenient with upgraded infrastructure
- C. In order to manage rising concerns about overcrowded cycling routes
- D. Unless cycling infrastructure improves significantly in some areas

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 from 35 to 40.

SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY FOCUSED WHILE STUDYING

Maintaining concentration can be difficult, but a few small changes can help you stay focused (35) _____ your study sessions.

- Turn off unnecessary phone notifications, (36) _____ they can easily distract you.
- Organize your table and remove (37) _____ that you don't need for learning.
- If you have several assignments, finish one task and then prepare for (38) _____ things on your list.
- Use helpful tools to plan your breaks and manage your time more (39) _____.
- If you feel tired, take a short walk so you don't end up (40) _____ your wheels without making progress.

(Adapted from Study Skills Guide)

Question 35. A. during

B. in

C. for

D. at

Question 36. A. but

B. so

C. because

D. nor

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C. another

D. other

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C. luckily

D. rarely

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C. losing

D. turning

THE END

Họ và tên thí sinh: Số báo danh:

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 from 1 to 6.

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- A. A key area of career cushioning is gaining greater exposure to different types of work.
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Question 15. The phrase “**maintain momentum**” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by _____.

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- B. give up
- C. carry on
- D. slow down

Question 16. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

- A. Employers mainly value employees who follow instructions rather than show initiative.
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Question 20. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Failing to build an alternative career plan may leave workers more vulnerable when the job market changes.
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C. Some employees believe career cushioning can reduce the risk of unemployment, though it cannot completely remove uncertainty.

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B. Career cushioning emphasizes gaining work experience and exploring different roles, mainly focusing on short-term jobs rather than long-term planning and skill development.

C. Career cushioning is described as a strategy placing more emphasis on reducing stress and discovering new interests relative to broader skills, work experience, or multiple career paths.

D. Career cushioning encourages individuals to cultivate a range of skills, gain experience in various roles, and establish multiple pathways to ensure stability in a constantly evolving job market.

Read the following announcement 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 from 22 to 27.

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This forum offers a meaningful opportunity for teachers, students, and science (26) _____ to exchange ideas and (27) _____ new skills for their future academic paths.

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D. give up

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 from 28 to 32.

Question 28.

a. **John:** That's amazing! Did you learn any specific lessons from them?

b. **Mary:** I love hearing my grandparents' life stories. They faced so many challenges growing up.

c. **Mary:** Definitely. They taught me to be strong and face my own challenges with confidence.

A. b – c – a

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C. a – c – b

D. c – b – a

Question 29.

a. **Jane:** Me too! I really want to learn how to make traditional pottery and talk to local artisans.

b. **Jane:** Definitely! Exploring the culture, meeting locals, and trying those activities will be fun.

c. **Tom:** Sounds great! We could also join a workshop or attend a cultural festival.

d. **Jane:** Hi Tom! Our cultural exchange trip is coming up soon. Are you getting excited?

e. **Tom:** Absolutely! I can't wait to try local food, visit historical sites, and join daily activities.

A. c – d – a – b – e

B. c – a – b – e – d

C. d – e – b – a – c

D. d – e – a – c – b

Question 30.

Dear Huong,

a. Because this is such a meaningful year, I hope you won't let yourself get too distracted, especially by early relationships, so you can give more attention to your goals.

b. I am writing from my workplace far from home to let you know how proud I am of you and how much I believe in you.

c. As you begin your final year of high school, I hope you stay focused, work hard, and use this important time wisely.

d. Remember that your efforts now will bring many opportunities later, and I will always love and support you no matter where I am.

e. Even though I'm away, I trust that you will stay responsible, maintain healthy habits, and spend your time on what truly helps you grow.

Yours lovingly, Dad.

A. a – d – c – e – b

B. b – c – a – e – d

C. b – c – e – d – a

D. d – a – e – c – b

Question 31.

a. To improve, I plan to join school clubs where I can practice working with others and get more comfortable sharing my opinions.

b. At times, I avoid speaking up because I'm afraid of saying something wrong or not expressing my ideas clearly.

- c. I've realized recently that I lack many soft skills, especially communication and teamwork, which makes me feel unsure of my abilities in group projects.
- d. Little by little, I hope these efforts will help me become more confident and develop the skills needed to connect well in a global environment.
- e. I also want to learn from classmates who are confident speakers and observe how they interact with people from different backgrounds.

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

Question 32.

- a. In recent years, many places in Vietnam - especially the central region - have suffered severe floods that damaged houses, farmland, and essential infrastructure.
- b. Many communities are now improving early-warning systems, strengthening flood-resistant infrastructure, and restoring natural areas to reduce future danger.
- c. These efforts help protect both the environment and local livelihoods, allowing communities to recover faster and become more resilient over time.
- d. Because of these rising risks, more organizations and local authorities are paying greater attention to disaster preparedness and sustainable development.
- e. As weather patterns become more unpredictable, such flooding has occurred more frequently and affected people's daily lives more seriously.

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

Read the passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 33 to 40.

Renewable energy communities, where households work together to generate clean power, are growing rapidly in many countries. Smart meters, solar sensors, wind-speed trackers, and energy-analysis software provide real-time data that helps members optimise their shared systems. Collected information on sunlight levels, battery storage, and electricity usage allows energy teams to **accelerate** decisions on when to store, release, or share power. By acting quickly, communities avoid wasting energy and reduce dependence on the national grid.

Mapping tools show which rooftops receive the strongest sunlight and which areas should host additional solar panels. **They** also indicate places where wind turbines can operate safely. Drones deliver early alerts when equipment overheats or blades become **blocked**, so technicians can repair only the affected parts. This prevents large-scale breakdowns and helps lower maintenance costs for the entire community.

Automated energy-flow systems adjust power distribution every hour. Special software tracks household energy needs and forecasts weather patterns for the coming days. When energy demand increases or storms approach, the system changes the power route instantly. **This saves electricity and keeps renewable-energy projects viable**, especially in regions where weather conditions are unpredictable.

Digital platforms link households, engineers, and energy suppliers so they can update battery levels, output measurements, and transfer times immediately. Blockchain tools secure every entry, encouraging members to trust the recorded information. Over time, analytic programs compare seasonal data to predict energy shortages, plan resource allocation, and reveal weak points in the power network.

Question 33. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in paragraph 1 as a type of collected real-time data?

- A. electricity usage B. battery storage C. sunlight levels D. wind directions

Question 34. The word **accelerate** in paragraph 1 can be best replaced by ____.

- A. speed B. explain C. reduce D. request

Question 35. The word **blocked** in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to ____.

- A. cleared B. stuck C. obstructed D. jammed

Question 36. The word **They** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. solar panels B. wind turbines C. mapping tools D. rooftops

Question 37. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Saving electricity helps renewable-energy projects remain affordable and effective.
- B. Renewable-energy projects work only when weather is stable.
- C. Saving electricity is unnecessary for the success of energy projects.
- D. Renewable-energy projects are successful because they always produce extra power.

Question 38. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to paragraph 4?

- A. Blockchain makes energy data unsafe.
- B. Members can trust information because blockchain protects it.
- C. Energy suppliers upload data only when requested.
- D. Analytic programs remove all seasonal information.

Question 39. Which paragraph mentions real-time tracking of power distribution?

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

Question 40. Which paragraph mentions a preventive measure against equipment failure?

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

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