**REVISION FOR THE 1ST TERM TEST – GRADE 12**

**SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021**

**PHONETICS**

***Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.***

Question 1.A. construction B. column C. customer D. discussion

Question 2. A. profession B. address C. business D. success

Question 3. A. imagined B. constructed C. fascinated D. rewarded

Question 4. A. roof B. groom C. school D. floor

Question 5. A. lifted B. threatened C. appeared D. moved

Question 6. A. notice B. robot C. micro D. office

Question 7. A. managed B. demanded C. supported D. planted

Question 8. A. woman B. company C. tradition D. standard

Question 9. A. linked B. wiped C. contributed D. discussed

Question 10. A. stressful B. impression C. employer D. effort

***Choose the word that has a different stress pattern.***

Question 1.A. interviewer B. certificate C. advertising D. photocopy

Question 2. A. attend B. signal C. respond D. suppose

Question 3. A. request B. tutor C. lecture D. language

Question 4. A. responsible B. academic C. understanding D. economic

Question 5. A. device B. labour C. shuttle D. aspect

Question 6. A. powerful B. eternal C. electric D. efficient

Question 7. A. connect B. allow C. concern D. email

Question 8. A. potential B. national C. challenging D. suitable

Question 9. A. security B. experience C. environment D. electronics

Question 10. A. robot B. office C. burden D. result

**VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR**

***Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.***

Question 1. Look! \_\_\_\_\_\_ number of schoolboys are swimming in the lake.

A. The B. An C. Ø D. A

Question 2. Dad to his children: “It’s gone 12 o’clock already. It’s time for \_\_\_\_\_\_ bed.”

A. an B. a C. the D. Ø

Question 3. Donald Trump will be the forty-fifth President of \_\_\_\_\_\_ United States of America.

A. an B. the C. a D. Ø

Question 4. The Statue of Liberty was a gift of friendship from France to \_\_\_\_\_\_ United States.

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

Question 5. We had fish and chips for \_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch.

A. an B. a C. the D. Ø

Question 6. Grants are available \_\_\_\_\_\_ students who have high grades.

A. on B. for C. from D. of

Question 7. His colleagues tried to blame John \_\_\_\_\_\_ the mistake.

A. with B. for C. on D. to

Question 8. One candidate in particular impressed us \_\_\_\_\_\_ her knowledge.

A. with B. of C. for D. on

Question 9. We need English speaking guides to go with foreign visitors \_\_\_\_\_\_ trips throughout Vietnam.

A. on B. with C. by D. to

Question 10. Thanks \_\_\_\_\_\_ the inventions of labour-saving devices, housework will no longer be a burden.

A. for B. with C. about D. to

Question 11. A mobile phone rang, but the musician just carried \_\_\_\_\_\_ playing.

A. in B. out C. with D. on

Question 12. Don’t forget to say goodbye \_\_\_\_\_\_ the interviewer before leaving the office.

A. with B. to C. about D. for

Question 13. As a \_\_\_\_\_\_ man, Jack enjoys spending his free time going out with friends.

A. shy B. mischievous C. caring D. sociable

Question 14. The department needs three more computers in order to work most \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. effective B. effectively C. effectiveness D. effect

Question 15. It’s considered good \_\_\_\_\_\_ in some societies to leave a little food on your plate.

A. actions B. ways C. attitudes D. manners

Question 16. We are looking for people who would be \_\_\_\_\_\_ to assist in the group’s work.

A. obliged B. willing C. free D. angry

Question 17. Today, boys and girls are \_\_\_\_\_\_ to each other, fall in love, and decide to get married.

A. attracted B. contributed C. attended D. interested

Question 18. Don’t pay any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her — she’s just being difficult.

A. attention B. formality C. intention D. acceptance

Question 19. The candidate decided to stop the campaign because it was too expensive and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. efficient B. efficiently C. inefficiently D. inefficient

Question 20. Going away to college has made him much more \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. dependently B. depending C. dependent D. independent

Question 21. The better \_\_\_\_\_\_ you get, the more opportunities for a good job there will be.

A. education B. educational C. educationally D. educate

Question 22. Brainstorming is a useful tool for students to develop \_\_\_\_\_\_ solutions to an issue.

A. creation B. creativity C. creative D. creating

Question 23. It is thought that parental involvement contributes \_\_\_\_\_\_ to children's learning.

A. significantly B. separately C. naturally D. frankly

Question 24. We are really tired. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ basketball since 6 a.m.

A. has played B. are playing C. have been playing D. play

Question 25. They were having a wedding anniversary when the lights \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. had gone out B. went out C. would go out D. go out

Question 26. In America, a worker can \_\_\_\_\_\_ a parental leave to take care of his or her baby.

A. give B. apply C. bring D. take

Question 27. The cowboy who had been \_\_\_\_\_\_ by an arrow fell off his horse.

A. spoiled B. wounded C. fired D. damaged

Question 28. The headmaster has decided that three lecture halls \_\_\_\_\_\_ in our school next semester.

A. are built B. will be building C. will build D. will be built

Question 29. Sally disagreed with the director’s decision, so she \_\_\_\_\_\_ and went to work for another company.

A. fired B. sacked C. retired D. resigned

Question 30. If it hadn’t been for you, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ here now.

A. won’t be B. wouldn’t have been C. wouldn’t be D. hadn’t been

Question 31. \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Oxford for five years, she can speak English like a native speaker.

A. To have lived B. Living C. Having lived D. Being lived

Question 32. More people will work from home on computers \_\_\_\_\_\_ to a head office.

A. linked B. related C. applied D. sent

Question 33. Very few of those \_\_\_\_\_\_ spoke positively about their childhood.

A. interview B. to interview C. interviewing D. interviewed

Question 34. He is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ and finds it difficult to pay for daily necessities.

A. well-built B. well-prepared C. well-paid D. well-behaved

Question 35. She rang James, \_\_\_\_\_\_ was a good friend as well as the family doctor.

A. that B. whose C. who D. which

Question 36. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_, we slipped away and went home.

A. had danced B. were dancing C. danced D. was dancing

Question 37. Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_ before us and grabbed all the seats.

A. had arrived B. was arriving C. would arrive D. has arrived

Question 38. The rules of the game \_\_\_\_\_\_ to provide a more exciting finish for the TV audience.

A. was changed B. were changed C. changed D. change

Question 39. Americans think that wives and husbands should \_\_\_\_\_\_ all thoughts with each other.

A. divide B. distribute C. share D. give

Question 40. Holly and I ran quickly from the house to the taxi because it \_\_\_\_\_\_ heavily.

A. had rained B. is raining C. was raining D. will rain

Question 41. Thanks to the great effort of the doctors, her health is getting \_\_\_\_\_.

A. badder and badder B. more and more good C. better and better D. worse and worse

Question 42. It is vital that people \_\_\_\_\_\_ too much on the Internet.

A. needn't rely B. don't rely C. not rely D. not relying

Question 43. My next-door neighbor spends all his free time playing computer games. He has become \_\_\_\_\_\_ to them since he was 11.

A. interested B. attracted C. addicted D. inspired

Question 44. It'll soon get warm in here. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ the heating on.

A. had turned B. was turning C. have turned D. turned

Question 45. Social networking can be \_\_\_\_\_\_ if users try to post new updates every day.

A. time-consuming B. thought-provoking C. long-term D. long-lasting

Question 46. – “Why do you catch a bus to work?”– “My car \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the garage at the moment.”

A. was repaired B. is being repaired C. has been repaired D. is repaired

Question 47. He was one of five people to get an interview out of more than 100 people who \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. answered B. employed C. admitted D. applied

Question 48. Don't hesitate to phone if you \_\_\_\_\_\_ any problems.

A. have B. had C. will have D. would have

Question 49. “Be quiet, Louis! Sorry Laura. My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ me when I’m on the phone. It’s so annoying!”

A. always interrupt B. always interrupts C. is always interrupting D. has always interrupted

Question 50. Non-verbal \_\_\_\_\_\_ is usually understood as a process of sending and receiving messages through gestures, body language and facial expressions.

A. communicate B. communication C. communicative D. communicator

Question 51. “My uncle has been a writer for many years.” “How many books \_\_\_\_\_\_ so far?”

A. has he written B. had he written C. did he write D. was he writing

Question 52. The university \_\_\_\_\_\_ by private funds as well as by tuition income and grants.

A. supports B. has supported C. is supported D. is supporting

Question 53. The applicant tried to make a good impression on \_\_\_\_\_\_ was still sitting in the auditorium.

A. who B. whoever C. whom D. that

Question 54. It is reported that more than 300 people \_\_\_\_\_\_ in that explosion.

A. were injured B. could injure C. have injured D. are injuring

Question 55. \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the interviewer, the candidate answered the question confidently.

A. To look B. Having looked C. Being looked D. Looking

Question 56. They wondered \_\_\_\_\_\_ she would come if it rained.

A. that B. whether C. what D. who

Question 57. I worked as an accountant in a travel agency, \_\_\_\_\_\_ I was given a training course on tourism.

A. that B. when C. where D. which

Question 58. Dr. Nam, \_\_\_\_\_\_ succeeded in medicine, devoted his life to the poor and the sick.

A. who B. whose C. that D. which

Question 59. I want to know \_\_\_\_\_\_ housework in your family.

A. who you do B. did you do C. do you do D. who does

Question 60. \_\_\_\_\_\_ she retired, she has kept herself very busy.

A. When B. Since C. Unless D. If

**ANTONYM**

***Choose the word or phrase OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the questions.***

Question1.In a study, more Asian students than American students hold a belief that a husband is obligedto tell his wife his whereabouts if he comes home late.

A. urged B. free C. required D. suggested

Question 2. Though I persuaded my boss to solve a very serious problem in the new management system, he just made light of it.

A. completely ignored B. treated as important C. disagreed with D. discovered by chance

Question3. Men are often attracted to women’s physical attractiveness.

A. material B. bodily C. emotional D. mental

Question 4. In some countries, a man and a woman may hold hands and kiss each other in public.

A. commonly B. frequently C. secretly D. particularly

Question 5. There is growing concern about the way man has destroyed the environment.

A. ease B. attraction C. consideration D. speculation

Question 6. She's carrying out a health project for the poor in inner cities and rural areas.

A. urban B. mountainous C. suburban D. coastal

Question 7. My friend’s daughter tends to look on the bright side in any circumstance.

A. be optimistic B. be pessimistic C. be confident D. be smart

Question 8. Last Saturday the representatives of three classes of my school took part in the annual final English Competition organized by our English teachers.

A. soon B. first C. early D. second

Question 9. I’m sorry I can’t come out this weekend – I’m up to my ears in work.

A. very busy B. very bored C. very scared D. very idle

Question 10. The little boy admitted breaking his mother's vase.

A. agreed B. regretted C. denied D. confessed

**SYNONYM**

***Choose the word or phrase CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined* *part in each of the questions.***

Question 1. The student was asked to account for her absence from her last lesson.

A. arrange B. complain C. exchange D. explain

Question 2.Students from that university have conducted a survey to find out the most effective study habit.

A. organized B. delayed C. encouraged D. proposed

Question 3. Some operations may have to be halted unless more blood donors come forward to help.

A. offer B. claim C. attempt D. refuse

Question 4. If the rain doesn't let up soon, we shall have to look for a taxi.

A. brighten B. stop C. clear D. darken

Question 5. Shopping on the internet can be safe if you follow a few simple rules.

A. uncomplicated B. unimportant C. unlucky D. unsociable

Question 6. He didn’t bat an eye when he realized he failed the exam again.

A. wasn’t happy B. didn’t want to see C. didn’t care D. didn’t show surprise

Question 7. I received housing benefit when I was unemployed.

A. out of work B. out of fashion C. out of order D. out of practice

Question 8. My elder brother failed his final exam, which depressed my parents.

A. encouraged B. satisfied C. disappointed D. pleased

Question 9. I take my hat off to all those people who worked hard to get the contract.

A. encourage B. congratulate C. respect D. welcome

Question 10. The transition from school to work doesn’t happen smoothly to everybody.

A. without difficulties B. full of troubles C. with problems D. plenty of challenges

**WRITING**

***Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original one.***

Question 1. *Her chances of success are small*.

A. She will definitely be successful.

B. It’s very likely that she will succeed.

C. It’s not very likely that she will succeed.

D. She won’t have any chance of being successful.

Question 2. *“Please don’t leave until I come back*,” *Mary said to me.*

A. Maryadvised me not to leave until she came back.

B. Mary advised me to leave when she came back.

C. Marytold me not to leave when she came back.

D. Mary told me not to leave until she came back.

Question 3. *Some of the students can’t find a seat in the room.*

A. There were seats for some studentsin the room.

B. There weren’t seats for some studentsin the room.

C. There are seats for all of the studentsin the room.

D. There are some studentswithout a seat in the room.

Question 4. *She did not study hard enough to get good marks*.

A. Getting good marks did not make her study harder.

B. She studied hard but she couldn’t get good marks.

C. It was very hard for her to get good marks.

D. She could have got good marks if she had studied harder.

Question 5. *“I didn’t take your computer,”* *the boy said to me.*

A. The boy doubted whether he’d taken my computer.

B. The boy suggested he had taken my computer.

C. The boy denied having taken my computer.

D. The boy didn’t want to take my computer.

Question 6. *My husband doesn’t find it hard to work the night shift now.*

A. My husband prefers working the night shift to the day one.

B. My husband used to work during the day.

C. My husband has got used to working the night shift now.

D. My husband doesn’t have to work hard at night now.

Question 7. *Gold price has increased dramatically this year.*

A. Gold price has gone down since this year.

B. More and more people have bought gold this year.

C. Gold has been produced increasingly this year.

D. There has been a dramatic increase in gold price this year.

Question 8. *When the class was over, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.*

A. As long as the class finished, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

B. No sooner was the class over, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

C. As soon as the class had finished, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

D. If the class was over, the students would run out, scream and shout.

Question 9. *In addition to her money, she also lost her identity card.*

A. She lost her identity card, so she did not lose her money.

B. She lost not only her money but also her identity card.

C. She lost her money, but fortunately she did not lose her identity card.

D. She lost her identity card, but not her money.

Question 10. *“Shall we eat out today?” said my mum to me.*

A. My mum suggested we eat out that day. B. My mum asked me out for the day.

C. My mum invited me eat out today. D. My mum advised me to eat out that day.

Question 11. *It started to rain at 9 o’clock and it is still raining.*

A. It has been raining at 9 0’clock. B. It has been raining since 9 o’clock.

C. It has been raining for 9 o’clock. D. It has been raining in 9 0’clock.

Question 12. *Although the dog appears harmless, it is, in fact, very dangerous.*

A. In spite of the harmless dog, it is really dangerous.

B. Contrary to its harmless appearance, the dog is dangerous.

C. In spite of the dog’s harmlessness, it is in danger.

D. However harmless it appears, the dog is endangered.

Question 13. *People believe he achieved success thanks to his own ability.*

A. It was believed he achieved success thanks to his own ability.

B. He believed he had succeeded thanks to his own ability.

C. He is believed to have achieved success due to his own ability.

D. He achieved success due to his own ability was believed.

Question 14. *The girl living next to me is getting married next year.*

A. The girl who lives next to me is getting married next year.

B. The girl lives next to me is getting married next year.

C. The girl lives next to me gets married next year.

D. The girl getting married lives next to me next year.

Question 15. *I need to get off at some station but I can’t remember which one.*

A. I can’t remember the station which I need to get off.

B. I can’t remember the station I need to get off at.

C. I can’t remember the station at that I need to get off.

D. I can’t remember the station where I need to get off at.

Question 16. *The woman who is speaking to Mrs. Young is my aunt.*

A. The woman spoke to Mrs. Young is my aunt.

B. My aunt is the woman who speaks to Mrs. Young.

C. The woman is speaking to Mrs. Young is my aunt.

D. The woman speaking to Mrs. Young is my aunt.

Question 17. *"Why don't you have your house redecorated, Mike?" said Daisy.*

A. Daisy requested Mike to redecorate his house himself.

B. Daisy asked why Mike didn't redecorate his house.

C. Daisysuggested that Mike should have his house redecorated.

D. Daisy persuaded Mike to have his house redecorated.

Question 18. *She asked if I had passed the English test the week before.*

A. "Had you passed the English test the week before?" she asked.

B. "Have you passed the English test the week before?" she asked.

C. "Did you pass the English test last week?" she asked.

D. "If you passed the English test last week," she asked.

Question 19. *"Jane left here an hour ago," said Ann.*

A. Ann told me that Jane had left there an hour before.

B. Ann said that Jane left here an hour before.

C. Ann told Jane to have left there an hour before.

D. Ann told me that Jane to leave there an hour before.

Question 20. *"I will come to see you next Sunday." John said to me.*

A. John promised me that he will come to see me the next Sunday.

B. John promised to come to see me the following Sunday.

C. John told me that he will come to see me the following Sunday.

D. John said that he will come to see me the following Sunday.

**SPEAKING**

***Choose the answer that best completes each of the following exchanges.***

Question 1. *You are in the hotel lobby*.

- **Porter**: “Shall I help you with your suitcase?” - **You**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Not a chance B. What a pity C. I can’t agree more D. That’s very kind of you

Question 2. *In a restaurant*.

- **Waiter**: “Here’s your bill, sir.” - **Customer**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. You’re welcome. B. What do you have? C. Don’t mention it. D. Can I pay by credit card?

Question 3. *Daisy invites Jack some drink*.

- **Daisy**: “Would you like tea or coffee?” - **Jack**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Certainly, I would B. Yes, I’d love to C. No, I wouldn’t D. I don't mind

Question 4.  *David makes Peter an offer*.

- **David**: “What would you like to drink?” - **Peter**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Thank you B. Tea, please C. Yes, please D. No, please

Question 5. *Tom apologized for spilling some wine.*

- **Tom**: “I’m really sorry.” - **You**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Don’t worry.”

A. No, thanks B.That’s all right C. Yes, you’re right D. With pleasure

Question 6. *George makes a remark about the party.*

-**George**: “What a wonderful party!” - **Henry**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. I am fine. Thank you! B. I am happy you like it.

C. I don’t know. Let me check. D. Same to you. Thanks!

Question 7. *Anna wants to ask Jenny about an idea*.

- **Anna**: “So do you think we should add some pictures and videos?” - **Jenny**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. None. B. Not much. C. Please do. D. Sure.

Question 8. *Linda makes Tom an offer*.

- **Linda**: “Anything to drink?” - **Tom**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. Well-done! B. Just water please. C. Maybe I will go. D. Yes, I will have soup and beef.

Question 9. *Mr. Lam offers Tam a congratulation.*

- **Mr. Lam**: “Congratulations! You did great.” - **Tom**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. It’s my pleasure B. You’re welcome  C. That’s OK D.It’s nice of you to say so

Question 10. *Mary pays Ann a nice compliment.*

- **Mary**: “How beautiful you are in this new *Ao dai*!” - **Ann**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. Never mind B. Thank you C. Yes, I think so D. Well done

Question 11. **Arthur**: “Do you fancy eating out tonight?” - **Susan**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. Yes, I think so. B. That would be nice. C. The price is OK. D. I'm sorry about that.

Question 12. **Bert**: “We’re happy you invite us for dinner.” - **Cedric**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. That’s all right. B. That’s OK. C. My pleasure. D. What a mess!

Question 13. **Mr. Lam**: “Congratulations! You did great.” - **Tom**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. It’s my pleasure B. You’re welcome  C. That’s OK D.It’s nice of you to say so

Question 14. **Linda**: “My sister got an award in the singing contest yesterday.” - **George**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. What a pity! B. Congratulations!       C. Thanks a lot.   D. The same to you.

Question 15. **John**: “You don’t go to school at weekends, do you?” - **Mrs. Young**: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Of course not B. Yes, I don’t C. No problem D. Never mind

**CORRECTION**

***Choose the underlined part that needs correction.***

Question 1. *(*A)To reduce pollution, we have to stop (B) to use many things (C) that make our life (D) comfortable.

Question 2.The girl from (A) who I borrowed (B) the dictionary asked me (C) to use it (D) carefully.

Question 3. All of (A) the books are (B) very interesting. I am (C) surprised you don’t like (D) it.

Question 4. (A) Waiting (B) for the bus, we saw Hung (C) go with a pretty girl and talking (D) cheerfully.

Question 5. Jane (A) phoned for an ambulance and (B) the police, (C) but they arrived (D) lately.

Question 6. Before bridges (A) were built, (B) all transport across major rivers in the US (C) were by (D) ferryboat.

Question 7. People nowadays (A)prefer instant messaging (B) and social networking (C) than (D) emails.

Question 8. Everybody should make (A)an effort to go green, that (B) can help to save (C) our planet for future generations (D).

Question 9. Don’t forget (A)to show enthusiastic (b) when the job (C) is explained to you (D).

Question 10. He is a famous architect (A) who designs (B) won an (C) international award last year (D).

Question 11. Many (A) people used to (B) think learning (C) English is full of the (D) difficulties.

Question 12. You are (A) not rich enough (B) to buy all (C) what (D) you like.

Question 13. Over (A) fifty thousand (B) English words have been deriving (C) from the Greek (D) language.

Question 14. Jack usually cycle (A) to work to avoid (B) traffic jams (C) at rush hour (D).

Question 15. I would like (A) you to clean your room, wash (B) your clothes and preparing (C) the (D) dinner.

**READING**

***1. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each of the blanks from 1 to 5.***

**THE PALACE SCHOOL**

Are you thinking of learning a completely new skill? Then come to The Palace School!

We offer a range of exciting and original courses in performing arts, and one of our most (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_ teachers is starting a new course (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Circus Class. Learn to juggle and balance, or put on a red nose and act like a clown!

All our instructors are talented and successful performers and have recognised teaching certificates. Lessons usually last 90 minutes and take place once a week. We also organise (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_ least one performance every term at the local theatre. Our students often go out on social events as well, and there are opportunities to take (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in many subjects.

We are creating our new timetable at the moment, so please phone or look on our websites for more (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Question 1. A. experiences B. experienced C. experience D. experiencing

Question 2. A. called B. calls C. calling D. call

Question 3. A. on B. at C. to D. in

Question 4. A. places B. parts C. cares D. exams

Question 5. A. messages B. details C. views D. articles

***2. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the questions from 1 to 5.***

If you want to prepare yourself for great achievement and have more to (1) \_\_\_\_\_to your education or your work, try reading more books. Pick (2) \_\_\_\_\_some of the interestingly informative books and search for well-researched materials that can help you grow.

We should encourage our children to read more books and spend less time watching TV. Some people have commented that this is inconsistent. "Why is the written word a superior way to get information than television?" That is an interesting point of view worth further exploration. Reading is a skill that is in much greater demand than the demand for watching TV. There are no jobs (3) \_\_\_\_\_ require a person to be able to watch TV but reading is an integral part of many jobs. The written word is an incredibly flexible and efficient way of communication. You can write something down and, in no time, it can be communicated to many different people. Not only that, we can (4) \_\_\_\_\_ vast amounts of information through reading in a very short time. A good reader can acquire more information in reading

for two hours than someone watching TV can acquire in a full day. You are able to gain (5) \_\_\_\_\_ information quickly because you are a fast reader with good comprehension skills. It will save you massive amounts of time and you will be able to assimilate vast quantities of information.

Question 1. A. gain B. gather C. collect D. contribute

Question 2. A. on B. up C. over D. out

Question 3. A. that B. who C. when D. whom

Question 4. A. digest B. inhale C. breathe D. eat

Question 5. A. lots B. a lot of C. a number of D. little

***3. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the questions from 1 to 5.***

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 *Happy News*. The man behind *Happy News* is Byron Reese. Reese set up *Happy News* because he thought other news sources were giving people an unbalanced view of the world. Reese said about *Happy News*, “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 **they** are better able to make informed decisions about things that affect their daily lives. Reese said that *Happy News* is not trying to stop people from learning about issues or problems. *Happy News* is just trying to provide a balanced picture of today’s world.

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

Question 1. Which of the following is the best title for this passage?

A. “Byron Reese Tells People How to Be Happy” B. “Good News for a Change”

C. “Newspapers vs. Online News” D. “Why Women Like Happy News”

Question 2. How is Happy News different than other news sources?

A. All of the stories are written by Reese. B. Happy News does not exaggerate its stories.

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

Question 3. The word “they” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. sources B. problems C. people D. issues

Question 4. Why might some people NOT like Happy News?

A. It doesn’t tell them about important issues or problems. B. Reese’s stories are about misery and despair.

C. Some sources give a balanced view. D. The stories are from around the world.

Question 5. What does “*exaggerating*” mean in this reading?

A. improving B. explaining C. editing D. worsening