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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 1 to 5.

Money has many ironies, and here is an important one: wealth is what you do not see. On spotting a Ferrari driving around, (1)____. In reality, however, many drivers of expensive cars turn out to be only mediocre successes who spend a huge percentage of their paycheck on a vehicle. Someone driving a hundred-thousand-dollar car might indeed be wealthy. Yet the only firm data point you have about their wealth is that they have a hundred thousand dollars less than they did before they bought the car or a hundred thousand dollars more in debt. (2)_____.

We tend to judge wealth by what we see (3)____. We cannot peer into people's bank accounts or brokerage statements, so we rely on outward appearances to gauge financial success: cars, houses, photographs on social media. Modern capitalism has turned helping people fake it until they make it into a cherished industry. (4)____. Wealth hides in the nice car not purchased, the diamonds left in the shop and the first-class upgrade declined. Wealth is the financial assets that have not yet been converted into the stuff you see.

Hence, we should be careful (5)____. It is more than mere semantics; not knowing the difference is the source of countless poor money decisions.

(Adapted from *Psychology of Money*)

- Question 1.** A. you might assume that the owner of the car must be rich
B. the car might be assumed to be owned by a rich person
C. you might be assumed to be the rich owner of the car
D. people might assume you must be the rich owner of the car
- Question 2.** A. What you know is about them all
B. All that you know is about them
C. You know what they are all about
D. That is all you know about them
- Question 3.** A. other than external clues as the information that we only have to work with
B. unless we only have external clues as the information to work with
C. because external clues are the only information we have to work with
D. rather than by external clues as the only information we have to work with
- Question 4.** A. However, the truth remains that authentic wealth keeps its existence a secret
B. Authentic wealth, similarly, keeps its existence by secretly remaining truthful
C. Authentic wealth, as a consequence, secretly exists by remaining truthful
D. Likewise, the truth is that the existence of authentic wealth remains a secret
- Question 5.** A. for being wealthy to be distinguished from being rich
B. to distinguish between being wealthy and being rich
C. being wealthy and being rich distinguish themselves
D. being wealthy is distinguishing itself from being rich

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 6 to 11.

GREEN HANDS, CLEAN LAND

The theme for Green Week 2026, "Green Hands, Clean Land", puts (6)_____ on the role of our community in protecting the environment. For several decades, climate change has had direct effects on our daily life. (7)____, unless action is taken, we will face food insecurity, water shortages, and higher energy prices.

Since 2018, our annual campaigns have been coming up (8)____. This year, we are planning two activities: clean-up and tree-planting. Participation in (9)_____ activity is open to all residents. Completed forms (10)_____ be submitted by 30 June.

It is time to make a big difference to our surroundings. The harder we try, (11)_____ our future will be! Apply now!

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| Question 6. A. intention | B. influence | C. example | D. emphasis |
| Question 7. A. However | B. Therefore | C. Finally | D. Instead |
| Question 8. A. sky | B. goods | C. gold | D. roses |
| Question 9. A. both | B. neither | C. other | D. either |
| Question 10. A. ought not | B. should not | C. ought | D. should |
| Question 11. A. the greenest | B. the greener | C. greenest | D. greener |

Read the following flyer 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 12 to 17.

LET'S WARM THEIR HEARTS!

In many remote regions, children face the harsh cold, which affects their health and education. Your kindness can warm their hearts. Let's work together to give them a better winter. Our project includes:

- **Collection:** Please (12) _____ out your old winter clothes by size and ensure that the items are dry and in good (13) _____. You can drop them off at our collection points. This helps us organise the donations faster.
- **Cleaning:** We will have all donations (14) _____ to ensure that they are fresh. We use eco-friendly detergents to (15) _____ the sensitive skin of the children.
- **Distribution:** We (16) _____ with local schools to distribute the clothes directly to the students in need.

If everyone (17) _____ a hand, we will help thousands of children stay warm this winter.

Your small act of kindness will create a big change!

Question 12. A. fill

B. sort

C. turn

D. catch

Question 13. A. position

B. condition

C. situation

D. relation

Question 14. A. wash

B. washing

C. washed

D. being washed

Question 15. A. produce

B. provide

C. promote

D. protect

Question 16. A. cooperation

B. cooperate

C. cooperative

D. cooperatively

Question 17. A. gives

B. give

C. have given

D. gave

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 18 to 27.

Environmental services, even when they arise without any human labour, are by no means cost-free. Every cost should be understood in terms of opportunity cost. For environmental services, the opportunity cost amounts to the net gain relinquished because the resources are no longer available for their second-best application. Whenever a resource has alternative uses, it cannot legitimately be deemed free.

For instance, a section of river might serve as a site used for either white-water canoeing or hydroelectric generation. Constructing a dam to produce electricity would flood the rapids, so this makes white-water canoeing here out of the question. The opportunity cost of preserving the river for canoeing equals the net benefit of the electricity that would otherwise have been produced, once the expenses of generation and distribution have been subtracted. By the same token, the opportunity cost of erecting the dam involves everything the river in its natural state would have provided – leisure activities, wildlife, scenic beauty, and whatever worth future generations might attach to experiencing the rapids.

This understanding carries considerable weight for planning development. [I] Numerous decisions initially appearing to be cost-free moves in favour of growth prove, when examined carefully, to be against something else. [II] Clearing a forest to make way for crops is hardly without cost; it is paid for through losses in carbon storage, biological diversity, and all the functions the forest once performed unnoticed. [III] Channelling a river for irrigation has its price – namely, whatever the river was doing before its course was altered. [IV] Even leaving a swathe of land alone exacts a cost, since the earnings that intensive exploitation might have produced are equally sacrificed.

From this perspective, economic development can never be reduced to whether a project delivers a positive return. Rather, what must be asked is whether that return outweighs the value of sacrifices. Policies considering this – by pricing scarce environmental services, or obliging those in charge to consider both sides – are not against development. What they demand is that development should be worth its true cost. The danger lies not in counting too much, but in counting too little.

Question 18. The word relinquished in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____. (Adapted from *Environmental Economics and Policy*)

A. made up

B. given up

C. filled up

D. ended up

Question 19. According to paragraph 1, the costs of environmental services are _____.

A. existent even in the absence of human involvement

B. included in the market value of natural resources

C. determined by financial investment in natural resources

D. minimal because these services are nearly labour-free

Question 20. Which of the following is **NOT** implied in paragraph 2?

A. The intrinsic value of the river is not confined to generating hydroelectricity only.

B. It is impossible to exploit one stretch of river for both hydroelectric generation and white-water canoeing.

C. The strains on the ecosystem of the river imposed by recreational activities and power generation are similar.

D. Intangible benefits also constitute the opportunity cost of the dam construction.

Question 21. Where in paragraph 3 does the following sentence best fit?
Such hidden costs only come to light when one stops to think about the roles nature itself is quietly playing.

A. [IV]

B. [III]

C. [II]

D. [I]

Question 22. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Untouched and cultivated lands both produce benefits in the long term.
- ☒ B. Apparently harmless developments actually come at an underlying price.
- C. Economic benefits should never take precedence over forest and river preservation.
- D. Ecological preservation exerts negligible influence on economic development.

Question 23. The word they in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. sacrifices
- ☒ B. policies
- C. services
- D. sides

Question 24. What conclusion can be drawn from paragraph 4?

- A. Due consideration for opportunity costs is crucial for the genuine success of development.
- B. Putting a price on environmental services is aimed at slowing down economic projects.
- ☒ C. Initiatives are required by law to deduct the hidden costs before claiming to have a positive return.
- D. Both excessive caution and complete ignorance regarding environmental costs cause permanent damage.

Question 25. Which of the following is true according to the passage?

- ☒ A. Cost-free resources can be put to alternative uses as long as this is legally permitted.
- B. The positive return of every economic development must be worth what is sacrificed.
- C. Keeping land intact is free of opportunity cost as there is no resource consumption.
- D. Assigning a specific price tag to a resource is a prerequisite for calculating opportunity costs.

Question 26. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- ☒ A. Decisions that overlook environmental opportunity costs risk overestimating the net gains they produce.
- B. The value of preserved environmental services far outweighs the benefits of industrial development.
- C. The scale of economic development inevitably suffers from strict regulations on environmental services.
- ☒ D. Projects are mandated to make up for the economic losses in return for environmental preservation.

Question 27. Which of the following would be the best title for the passage?

- A. Sustainable Development: A Pipe Dream
- ☒ B. Development: Factoring in Sacrifices
- C. Natural Preservation: Ushering in a New Era
- D. Environment: A Tower of Strength

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 28 to 35.

① For most undergraduates today, opening a laptop at the start of a lecture has become as automatic as sitting down. The device is no longer a tool consciously chosen; it is simply there, blinking softly, ready to absorb every word that the instructor utters. Yet researchers who study students' attention argue that this convenience comes at a price most learners are unaware that they are paying.

② A recent multi-campus study tracked the in-class behaviour of nearly two thousand undergraduates across humanities and science courses. Even when students claimed to be "fully focused," eye-tracking data showed that they shifted between unrelated tabs an average of fourteen times per fifty-minute session. The students themselves were astounded when they were shown the results. Many had believed that they were absorbing every point made in class.

③ The findings underline an unsettling truth: digital multitasking is not just inefficient; it is invisible to those engaged in it. Cognitive scientists describe this as "the illusion of competence" – the false sense that because information has passed beneath one's eyes, it has been understood and stored. Tests administered a week after the lectures consistently revealed otherwise, with laptop-using students recalling roughly a third less than those taking handwritten notes.

Things go from bad to worse when we take into account the fact that the very tools that distract students are also genuinely essential for some forms of academic work. Annotating digital texts, accessing research databases and recording lectures all benefit from screen-based learning. The crucial question for tertiary institutions, then, is not to get rid of devices altogether but to teach students when and how to set them aside. Until that skill is cultivated, the lecture hall may continue to function less as a place of collective inquiry and more as a quiet place of solitary screens.

(Adapted from <https://vanderbilthustler.com/>)

Question 28. In paragraph 1, the writer is _____.

- A. arguing in favour of undergraduates' use of laptops
- ☒ B. contrasting different methods of notetaking
- C. warning against a common habit among students
- D. questioning the real worth of costly laptops

Question 29. The word tracked in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. controlled
- B. copied
- ☒ C. examined
- D. represented

Question 30. The word astounded in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. brave
- B. honest
- C. anxious
- ☒ D. calm

Question 31. The word those in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. lectures
- B. scientists
- ☒ C. students
- D. tests

Question 32. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?
 A. What complicates matters is that digital devices necessary for completing some university work can interfere with students' concentration.
 B. Some academic work at university requires students' genuine concentration, which has become a complicated matter with bad-quality digital tools.
 C. Not only certain academic assignments at university but also the digital tools useful for these tasks are causing complicated problems for students.
 D. It is the digital devices used for certain complicated academic tasks at university that are distracting students from more important assignments.

Question 33. Which of the following statements would the writer **NOT** agree with?
 A. Those switching between tasks on digital devices are aware of its adverse impacts on productivity.
 B. Students have become more isolated in lecture halls because of the widespread use of laptops.
 C. University students' use of laptops in classrooms has become a practice performed unconsciously.
 D. Providing students with guidance for proper use of laptops is better than imposing a blanket ban.

Question 34. In which paragraph does the writer mention a mismatch between self-report and scientific findings?
 A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Question 35. In which paragraph does the writer provide examples for a general term?
 A. Paragraph 4 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 1 D. Paragraph 3

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a cohesive and coherent exchange or text in each of the following questions from 36 to 40.

Question 36. a. Initial results were impressive, as villagers reported broadband speeds comparable to city standards with significantly improved reliability.
 b. For years, the isolated villages of central Marsh County struggled with unreliable copper cables that could not handle increasing bandwidth demands.
 c. Consequently, the local council, partnering with two providers, committed to laying fibre optic cables to every household within a year.
 d. To minimise disruption, cables were placed along existing verges, while community halls served as temporary installation hubs.
 e. Encouraged by the villagers' satisfaction, neighbouring counties have requested guidance on adopting the model for their remote villages.

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

Question 37. a. Customer: What if I don't keep the original packaging?
 b. Customer: Great. I'll bring the item and receipt tomorrow.
 c. Customer: I'd like to exchange the electric fan I bought yesterday.
 d. Manager: Sold items can be exchanged within five days, but we don't give refunds.
 e. Manager: No problem, only your receipt is needed.

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

Question 38. Dear Ms Hoang,
 a. A payment of \$5,000 will be released in the beginning, and the remaining balance after the submission of your mid-term report.
 b. Failure to respond by the stated date will result in the offer being granted to the next qualified candidate.
 c. We are delighted to inform you that you have been awarded the Young Researcher Grant.
 d. To confirm your acceptance, please sign the attached form and submit it by 31 August.
 e. The funding is intended to support your fieldwork and must not be used for equipment purchases without prior approval.
 Yours sincerely,

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

Question 39. a. Diner: Excuse me, I've been waiting so long for my order.
 b. Diner: Thanks for your help.
 c. Waiter: I'm sorry! I'll check with the kitchen and get back to you immediately.

A. c - b - a B. b - c - a C. a - b - c D. a - c - b
Question 40. a. Inhabitants of coastal regions housing large-scale facilities have reported that the low hum of the constant rotation impairs their sleep quality.
 b. Nevertheless, the argument for transitioning is not entirely convincing when the implications for residents in the immediate vicinity are taken into account.
 c. With the infrastructure in place, operational expenditures of wind mills are substantially lower than those of coal or gas facilities.
 d. Wind power has been promoted as a notably clean and economically viable substitute for fossil fuels.
 e. Progress on a country's renewable targets necessitates balancing each proposed initiative against the burdens imposed upon local populations.

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

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