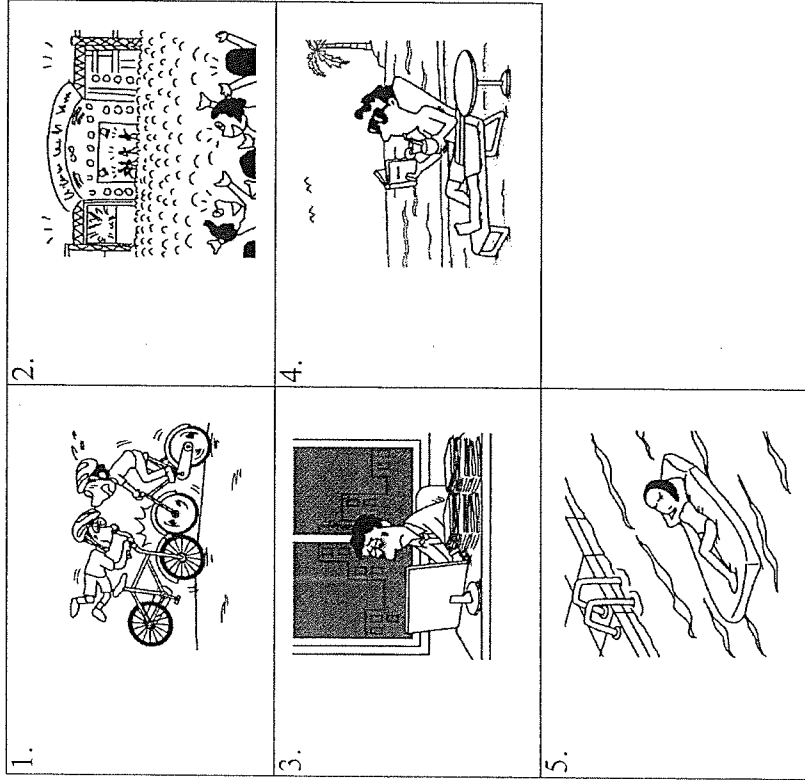


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Section One: Listening Comprehension

Part 1: Picture Questions (20%)

Look at each picture and answer the question.



Part 2: Best Response Questions (9%)

Listen to the question or statement and choose the best response.

- ( ) 6. (A) Sure. I'll pay you back for the ticket.  
(B) Yeah. I'll tell you what happened.  
(C) No. I didn't tell anyone about it.  
(D) No. You are not allowed to go.
- ( ) 7. (A) I know. That's why so many tourists visit it.  
(B) Yes. They really make the town look terrible.  
(C) No way! I don't believe ghosts really exist.  
(D) True. Most of them were built last year.
- ( ) 8. (A) Good. I'd like two pieces of toast for breakfast.  
(B) Sure. I'll surely beat you at the game.  
(C) Yes. Let's open the window to get some fresh air.  
(D) I agree. The room is starting to get cold.

Part 3: Conversation Questions (12%)

Listen to each conversation and answer the question.

- ( ) 9. (A) They're too busy to think about the vacation.  
(B) They don't want to go on vacation.  
(C) They can't wait to go on vacation.  
(D) They're too old for Disneyland.
- ( ) 10. (A) He's not in his office.  
(B) He's in the restroom.  
(C) He's asking to see the man.  
(D) He's looking for the woman.
- ( ) 11. (A) It's too easy for his brain.  
(B) It's simple enough for him.  
(C) It's really hard to understand.  
(D) It's not easy, but he can solve it on his own.
- ( ) 12. (A) She has visited it once.  
(B) It makes her think of Paris.  
(C) She will never come again.  
(D) It's where she first met Susan.

Part 4: Short Talk Questions (9%)

Listen to the following paragraphs and answer the questions.

- ( ) 13. (A) Don't take it seriously.  
(B) Mistakes can happen.  
(C) It's now or never.  
(D) Try your best.
- ( ) 14. (A) She studied acting.  
(B) She wrote songs.  
(C) She designed clothes.  
(D) She worked in musical theater.
- ( ) 15. (A) She started making noise locally.  
(B) She went on a tour around the world.  
(C) She won an Oscar for Best Actress.  
(D) She was offered a role in a Broadway show.

Section Two: Reading Comprehension

Part 5: Vocabulary (24%)

- ( ) 16. A silver star, glass balls, and colorful \_\_\_\_\_ are common decorations for Christmas trees.  
(A) beads (B) solutions  
(C) panics (D) accidents
- ( ) 17. Brenda studied hard for the exam and is \_\_\_\_\_ that she will get a good grade.  
(A) hopeful (B) complex  
(C) historic (D) balanced
- ( ) 18. The shirt you like comes in \_\_\_\_\_ colors, but I think the black one suits you best.  
(A) eager (B) various  
(C) empty (D) positive
- ( ) 19. Climate change has become a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ problem that every country needs to face.  
(A) global (B) wild  
(C) elderly (D) tasty
- ( ) 20. The Halley Comet is \_\_\_\_\_ visible to the naked eye from Earth, about once every 74 to 79 years.  
(A) extremely (B) costly  
(C) regularly (D) roughly
- ( ) 21. The young girl quickly ate the strawberry ice cream to \_\_\_\_\_ it from melting.  
(A) prevent (B) remind  
(C) destroy (D) request
- ( ) 22. \_\_\_\_\_ at the top of the mountain, this centuries-old castle attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.  
(A) Transported (B) Located  
(C) Pronounced (D) Selected
- ( ) 23. Toby ran inside a \_\_\_\_\_ convenience store when it started to rain.  
(A) nearby (B) positive  
(C) hopeful (D) creative
- ( ) 24. Our food delivery driver left our order outside the door. We didn't have any \_\_\_\_\_ with him.  
(A) cause (B) contact  
(C) steam (D) handful
- ( ) 25. The car driver stepped out to check how much damage the crash had done to his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) electricity (B) detail  
(C) production (D) vehicle

- ( ) 26. I can't play any musical \_\_\_\_, but my brother is good at the guitar.  
 (A) creatures (B) instruments  
 (C) accidents (D) conclusions
- ( ) 27. The man \_\_\_\_ the distance across the stream and then built a small bridge.  
 (A) squeezed (B) suspected  
 (C) measured (D) respected

**Part 6: Cloze (16%)**

Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

**Paragraph A**

Pete Richards was a lonely middle-aged man. He owned a little shop that he had inherited from his grandfather. In the shop, he sold various items, such as old-fashioned bracelets, gold rings, and \_\_\_\_(28)\_\_\_\_ dolls. One day in mid-December, Pete saw a little girl with golden hair and blue eyes standing by the shop's window. She was looking at an item on display. She came inside and walked over to Pete. She asked to look at the string of blue beads in the window. Pete took the beads and gave them to her. "They are perfect. Please \_\_\_\_(29)\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_(29)\_\_\_\_ pretty for me," the girl said. The girl said the beads were a Christmas present for her sister, who had been \_\_\_\_(30)\_\_\_\_ her since the death of their mother months ago. She paid Pete a pile of pennies, which was all the money she had. Pete knew it was \_\_\_\_(31)\_\_\_\_ enough, but he gave the beads to her anyway.

- ( ) 28. (A) receipt (B) vitamin  
 (C) surface (D) porcelain
- ( ) 29. (A) clean / up (B) wrap / up  
 (C) give / out (D) check / out
- ( ) 30. (A) taking care of (B) taking control of  
 (C) getting rid of (D) making fun of
- ( ) 31. (A) nothing but (B) more than  
 (C) not nearly (D) not only

**Paragraph B**

Engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have created a new speaker. The device is as thin as a piece of paper, uses very little power, and can be fixed to nearly any surface. MIT's invention is not the first super thin speaker ever created, but it is the only one that works while staying \_\_\_\_(32)\_\_\_\_ full contact with other objects. It is designed with a layer of individually vibrating domes between two spacer layers. As a result, the domes are able to vibrate freely to create sound while \_\_\_\_(33)\_\_\_\_ fixed to a surface. \_\_\_\_(34)\_\_\_\_, the speaker requires just a tenth of the power of a traditional speaker. The technology may prove to be most valuable in electronics with limited battery \_\_\_\_(35)\_\_\_\_ like cell phones.

- ( ) 32. (A) for (B) by  
 (C) with (D) in
- ( ) 33. (A) it stays (B) stayed  
 (C) staying (D) to stay

- ( ) 34. (A) Additionally (B) Constantly  
 (C) Regularly (D) Hopefully
- ( ) 35. (A) age (B) space  
 (C) life (D) use

**Part 7: Short Passage Questions (10%)**

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

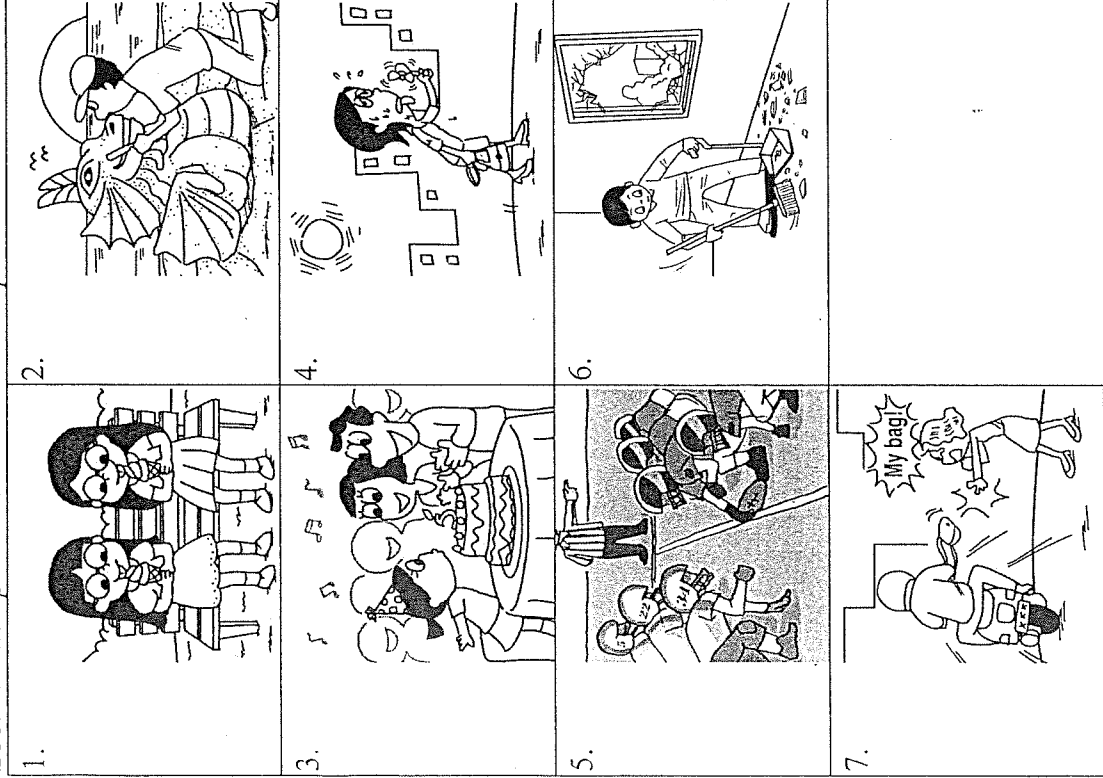
The baguette is an important part of French culture. There are theories about the origin of the traditional food. According to a legend, the stick-shaped bread was created in Austria by a baker who introduced the steam oven to France in 1839. This baking method made it possible to bake bread with a crispy crust and light center. While the bread dates back to the 1800s, the term baguette wasn't regularly used until the 1920s, when a new law prevented bakers from working before 4:00 a.m. Following the law's introduction, bakers started making bread with a long, thin shape so that it would bake faster and be ready in time for breakfast. Baguette began to be used to refer to this fast-baking bread. Baguette eating comes with its own customs. For example, they're usually broken apart by hand during meals, not sliced with a knife.

- ( ) 36. According to a legend, who created the baguette?  
 (A) A baker who lived in France in the 1920s.  
 (B) An Austrian who admired French culture.  
 (C) A baker who brought something new to France.  
 (D) An Austrian who invented the steam oven.
- ( ) 37. What is true about the steam oven?  
 (A) It can bake bread that is crispy on the outside and light inside.  
 (B) It can bake bread with a soft crust and crispy center.  
 (C) It can be used to bake cakes and cookies as well.  
 (D) It can bake many baguettes at the same time.
- ( ) 38. How did the new law introduced in the 1920s affect bakers?  
 (A) They had to end work earlier.  
 (B) They had to start work later.  
 (C) They had to end work later.  
 (D) They had to start work earlier.
- ( ) 39. Why do baguettes have a long, thin shape?  
 (A) They are easier to carry that way.  
 (B) They are easier to eat that way.  
 (C) They are faster to bake that way.  
 (D) They taste better that way.
- ( ) 40. Which is a custom that comes with eating baguettes?  
 (A) Eating a baguette on the same day it was bought.  
 (B) Breaking the baguette with one's hands.  
 (C) Using a fork to pick up a baguette.  
 (D) Using a knife to cut a baguette.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Part 1: Picture Questions (14%)

Look at each picture and answer the question.



Part 2: Best Response Questions (24%)

Listen to the question or statement and choose the best response.

- ( ) 8. (A) Of course you can wear mine.  
(B) Yes, but they're in different sizes.  
(C) Thanks! It's a perfect gift for me.  
(D) Wow! I wish I could have yours.
- ( ) 9. (A) True. It is sold in many places.  
(B) Right. It comes in various flavors.  
(C) Yeah. It can be used in many ways.  
(D) No. It is only popular among kids.
- ( ) 10. (A) What kept you from finishing it?  
(B) I know. I heard it had very bad reviews.  
(C) Really? What's so good about it?  
(D) I agree. I can tell it's boring just from the cover.
- ( ) 11. (A) Yes. She looks a bit like your friend Maggie.  
(B) No. I don't think she likes your friend Peggy.  
(C) Yes. She used to work for your friend Sandy.  
(D) No. She won't make it to your party this weekend.
- ( ) 12. (A) Yes. I baked a few pies for the guests.  
(B) Sure. I would love to do a little shopping.  
(C) Of course not. I have no interest in sports.  
(D) No. I don't have time to visit her today.
- ( ) 13. (A) Right. He wants to win again.  
(B) I know. He lost every game.  
(C) Yeah. He's never won before.  
(D) Yes. He won't be competing.
- ( ) 14. (A) Yeah. She does it every single morning.  
(B) Right. She only goes when she has time.  
(C) I know. It entirely depends on the weather.  
(D) True. She much prefers jogging at night.

- ( ) 15. (A) Me too. It's fun to cook for yourself.  
(B) Yes. She says it helps her relax.  
(C) Wow! She must really enjoy it then.  
(D) I agree. It takes too much effort.

Part 3: Conversation Questions (24%)

Listen to each conversation and answer the question.

- ( ) 16. (A) Walking is only useful for staying in shape.  
(B) Walking doesn't actually keep you fit.  
(C) Walking is the best way to stay healthy.  
(D) Walking helps you in more ways than one.
- ( ) 17. (A) She can't get in without a key.  
(B) Her fingerprint can unlock the door.  
(C) She can use an image of her face to get inside.  
(D) She can open the door with a set of numbers.
- ( ) 18. (A) There are lots of people.  
(B) Things aren't organized.  
(C) There are not many toys.  
(D) It is really huge.
- ( ) 19. (A) It's only available at certain times.  
(B) It's what the man ordered last time.  
(C) It's listed at the bottom of the menu.  
(D) It's what the waiter recommends.
- ( ) 20. (A) Puppies are really sweet.  
(B) He has a lot of work to do.  
(C) He'll take her out if she's good.  
(D) Puppies are a lot of work.
- ( ) 21. (A) He is coming with Alicia.  
(B) He tells interesting stories.  
(C) He will be at the party.  
(D) He is a bad person.
- ( ) 22. (A) The woman.  
(B) An old friend.  
(C) A famous movie star.  
(D) Someone that looks like the woman.
- ( ) 23. (A) He doesn't have creative energy at the moment.  
(B) He is running low on pen ink.  
(C) He has to go out to buy more paper.  
(D) His computer isn't working.

Part 4: Short Talk Questions (18%)

Listen to the following paragraph and answer the questions.

Paragraph A

- ( ) 24. (A) The day after Christmas.  
(B) Any time during Christmas.  
(C) The night before Christmas.  
(D) The day ahead of Christmas.
- ( ) 25. (A) It has been around for hundreds of years.  
(B) It's no longer celebrated in modern times.  
(C) It was practiced all over Europe as well.  
(D) It is followed by women with magical powers.
- ( ) 26. (A) Protection.  
(B) Transportation.  
(C) Entertainment.  
(D) Celebration.

Paragraph B

- ( ) 27. (A) The World Cup in 2022.  
(B) The different names of football.  
(C) The origin of football.  
(D) The history of American football.

- ( ) 28. (A) It takes place in America.  
(B) It happens every two years.  
(C) It is one of the most watched events.  
(D) It features a popular North American sport.
- ( ) 29. (A) Throwing a ball  
(B) Carrying a ball  
(C) Rolling a ball.  
(D) Kicking a ball.

### Part 5: Vocabulary (10%)

- ( ) 30. The sharp curve is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous spot; be careful when passing by.  
(A) potentially (B) fortunately  
(C) annually (D) supposedly
- ( ) 31. As the world's richest man for years, Bill Gates is considered the \_\_\_\_\_ businessman.  
(A) seasonal (B) intense  
(C) alien (D) ultimate
- ( ) 32. On a holiday, there is always a traffic jam. \_\_\_\_\_ cars are stuck on the highway, moving at an incredibly low speed.  
(A) Alternate (B) Visual  
(C) Numerous (D) Thrilling
- ( ) 33. This hotel \_\_\_\_\_ an excellent location; when standing on the balcony, guests can take in a magnificent view of the ocean.  
(A) boasts (B) sobs  
(C) extends (D) soaks
- ( ) 34. A \_\_\_\_\_ earthquake took place last Sunday, causing huge amounts of damage and a great number of deaths.  
(A) massive (B) fascinating  
(C) worthy (D) collective
- ( ) 35. Eva's computer crashed suddenly; \_\_\_\_\_, she had saved her work just a moment before.  
(A) permanently (B) incredibly  
(C) fortunately (D) slightly
- ( ) 36. Larry loves \_\_\_\_\_, as he enjoys trying his best to beat others.  
(A) sparks (B) outfits  
(C) contributions (D) competitions
- ( ) 37. The latest \_\_\_\_\_ of the hit video game took the world by storm as soon as it was released.  
(A) ritual (B) version  
(C) saint (D) document
- ( ) 38. Once you're grown up and leave your parents, you must face life's \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
(A) genetic (B) identical  
(C) harsh (D) noticeable
- ( ) 39. Ben hopes to \_\_\_\_\_ his fear of speaking in front of people by taking this public speaking lesson.  
(A) alter (B) conquer  
(C) accomplish (D) resemble

### Part 6: Short Passage Questions (10%)

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

#### Paragraph A

London is a delight to visit any time of the year, but the city is truly magical in winter, when the streets are decorated with lights and Christmas markets pop up around it. For a great Christmas experience, go visit Hyde Park. Every winter, it transforms into a Winter Wonderland and features ice sculptures, ice skating, fair rides, live shows, and nightly parades. There is also a traditional Christmas market where you can buy Christmas gifts and enjoy seasonal favorites like **mulled wine** and roasted chestnuts. Another classic Christmas activity in London is seeing the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square. The giant decorated spruce tree, usually around 25 meters tall, is a yearly gift from the people of Norway to show their appreciation of Britain's assistance during World War II. It's a feast for both the eyes and ears to watch the tree lighting ceremony at the

start of December and listen to carolers sing beneath the tree.

London also has many attractions that are worth visiting throughout the year, starting with Buckingham Palace. It's the king's London home, and it hosts many royal celebrations. From there, take a walk to Westminster Abbey. At over a thousand years old, the church has been the site of royal weddings, coronations, and burials. From Christmas attractions to classic sightseeing spots, there's plenty to enjoy in London.

- ( ) 40. What can people see at Hyde Park in winter, according to the passage?  
(A) All-day parades.  
(B) Artwork made of ice.  
(C) A large Christmas tree.  
(D) Fireworks displays.
- ( ) 41. What do we know about mulled wine from the passage?  
(A) It's a traditional drink that can only be found in London.  
(B) It's one of the most popular Christmas gifts in UK.  
(C) It's only available at a certain time of the year.  
(D) It's usually served with roasted chestnuts.
- ( ) 42. Why do people in Norway send a Christmas tree to London every year?  
(A) To promote their own country.  
(B) To avoid another war.  
(C) To express thanks.  
(D) To help the poor.
- ( ) 43. When does the tree lighting ceremony at Trafalgar Square most likely take place?  
(A) December 3.  
(B) December 15.  
(C) December 24.  
(D) December 26.

- ( ) 44. What is the focus of the second paragraph?

- (A) Things to see and do during the Christmas season in London.  
(B) Attractions that are popular all year round in London.  
(C) The role of the British royal family and influence on politics.  
(D) Royal celebrations that usually take place in winter.

#### Paragraph B

There are as many different Christmas traditions as there are cultures. Here are a few traditions you may not even have heard of. While children in some countries receive presents from Santa Claus, those in Germany are visited by a kindly old man called Saint Nick. Each December 6, he and his trusty donkey leave small surprises, including coins, chocolate, and toys in the shoes of good children in the middle of the night. Those who haven't behaved should watch their step, though, because Farnhand Rupert often tags along to punish the bad children. Austria has a scarier version of Farnhand Rupert. His name is Krampus, and he resembles a demon. This monster is believed to steal bad children away in his sack.

If you ever spend Christmas Eve in Norway, you may be surprised to see people hiding their brooms away. This custom dates back centuries to the time when locals thought witches came out on Christmas Eve to make mischief. Since everyone knows witches ride brooms to get around, families would hide theirs to make sure they didn't get snatched. In Iceland, the man-eating Yule Cat is thought to wander the countryside of Iceland. Avoiding its jaws is easy, however, as the beast only attacks those who haven't received new clothes before Christmas. To this day, many Icelanders get a new outfit to avoid becoming the cat's next meal.

- ( ) 45. What is the passage mainly about?  
(A) Lesser-known Christmas traditions around the world.  
(B) How some countries celebrate Christmas in summer.  
(C) Different versions of Santa Claus in various cultures.  
(D) How children around the world celebrate Christmas.
- ( ) 46. Who should be afraid of Farnhand Rupert, according to the passage?  
(A) Saint Nick.  
(B) Saint Nick's donkey.  
(C) Children who have dirty shoes.  
(D) Children who have not been good.

- ( ) 47. Why does the writer say that Krampus is a version of Farnhand Rupert?  
(A) Both Krampus and Farnhand Rupert look like demons.  
(B) Both Krampus and Farnhand Rupert appear after midnight.  
(C) Krampus also punishes children that haven't behaved.  
(D) Krampus also tags along when Saint Nick visits at night.
- ( ) 48. Which country has the tradition of hiding a cleaning tool for Christmas?  
(A) Germany.  
(B) Austria.  
(C) Norway.  
(D) Iceland.
- ( ) 49. What can one do to avoid being eaten by the Yule Cat?  
(A) Behave well.  
(B) Wear new clothes.  
(C) Give money to people.  
(D) Leave some food for the cat.

