

Section A: Comprehension

Read the article and choose the best answer to the question

1. Acting chief executive Eric Chan Kwok-ki told a press briefing on 19 December 2023 that an inquiry revealed the overcharging was caused by “human error”, which a tunnel employee using a previous system instead of the new one. “We asked the tunnel operator to immediately investigate this so-called human error, and a preliminary investigation showed that someone had interfered with the computer system resulting in erroneous charges,” he said. “We suspect someone tampered with the computer without reason, I believe this is not a technical error.”
2. Chan also said that the government had asked police to follow up on the incident, stressing the force would press charges and anyone found to have tampered with or deliberately damaged the system would be severely punished. Police said the cyber security and technology crime bureau was investigating the case.
3. More than 4,700 motorists driving through the Western Harbour Tunnel between 10.02am and 11.04am were charged extra on 18 December 2023, the first working day of phase two of new time-adjusted tolls. Then operations had resumed normally after the incident, with the tunnel operator refunding all overcharged drivers.
4. On a recent spate of technical errors at various government departments, including the system failure that briefly interrupted the district council poll on December 10, Chan said the latest incident was caused by human interference rather than a computer glitch.
5. Commissioner for Transport Angela Lee Chung-yan apologised for the error and pledged to strengthen internal monitoring. The Transport Department introduced the toll adjustment scheme, under which private cars using the Cross-Harbour Tunnel, the Eastern Harbour Tunnel and the Western Harbour Tunnel pay varying charges depending on the time of day, in a bid to ease traffic congestion.
6. Lawmaker Zhang Xinyu told a radio show that driving from West Kowloon to Hong Kong Island via the Western crossing at 10.22am on 18 December 2023 cost him HK\$60 when he was supposed to pay HK\$52. He called the error “disappointing”, saying management issues could be involved.
7. “There should be a high-level authorisation and a set of agreed procedures every time a change in the charging scheme is involved,” he said. “Why was it possible to adjust the charging scheme without the Transport Department’s knowledge?”
8. Zhang said he received a refund of HK\$60 instead of the extra HK\$8 he was charged, adding the system requested a new payment of HK\$52. He expressed concerns that some drivers might be unaware of refunds and new payment requests, and as a result, _____.
9. Zhang said the incident might have affected people’s confidence in the system, urging the contractor to disclose its investigation and explain it to the public. He added a mechanism triggering warnings and penalties in case of unsatisfactory performance was supposed to be included in the contract with the service provider,

HKeToll, stressing the incident might reflect the government's "insufficient" gatekeeping of the process.

1. Why are there quotation marks for the phrase, 'human error', in paragraph (1)?
 - A. It stresses that the human error is serious.
 - B. Chan Kwok-ki was uncertain if there was any human error.
 - C. Chan Kwok-ki wanted to find out who made this error.
 - D. The error is actually not made by people.

2. Another word to replace the underlined word, 'tampered' in paragraph (1) is
 - A. interfered
 - B. stole
 - C. played
 - D. touched

3. In paragraph (2), we learn that
 - A. the police had found the person who had tampered with or deliberately damaged the system.
 - B. officers from the cyber security and technology crime bureau would look into the case.
 - C. the police would make an accusation against the staff member who overcharged the drivers.
 - D. the police was forced to follow up on the incident.

4. What we understand from paragraph (3) is
 - A. the mistake of overcharging the drivers took place the whole morning.
 - B. the Western Harbour Tunnel is the first one that adopts the new time-adjusted toll.
 - C. all the drivers being overcharged did not lose money at last.
 - D. The fee charged to the drivers was correct only in the afternoon.

5. In paragraph (4), why was 'the system failure that briefly interrupted the district council poll on December 10' quoted?
 - A. Because it is also another human interference.
 - B. Because the incident had a great harmful effect to the polling.
 - C. Because it is more serious than the overcharging incident at the Western Harbour Tunnel.
 - D. Because it is a technical error but just a small problem.

6. What does it mean by the underlined word, 'pledged' in paragraph (5)? It means
- A. denied
 - B. agreed
 - C. promised
 - D. was reluctant
7. According to paragraph (6), Zhang Xinyu
- A. told his personal experience of being overcharged on 18 December to a radio show.
 - B. was disappointed at being overcharged.
 - C. was driving his car via the Western Harbour Tunnel to West Kowloon when he was overcharged.
 - D. said he should be involved in the management board.
8. Why did Zhang Xinyu raise a question in paragraph (7)?
- A. He wanted the Transport Department to answer his question.
 - B. He was sympathetic towards the Transport Department.
 - C. He stood up for the Transport Department.
 - D. He was dissatisfied with the Transport Department.
9. Which is appropriate to be filled in the blank in paragraph (8)?
- A. they would not cash the refund cheque.
 - B. they might have overdue payment.
 - C. all of them would have \$ 8 refunded.
 - D. some of the drivers would not get any payment at all.
10. In paragraph (9), Zhang suggested
- A. introducing warnings and penalties should be given to HKEToll if there was unsatisfactory performance.
 - B. the contractor disclosing its weakness and ways of improvements.
 - C. the government should do more gatekeeping of the process of the service provider.
 - D. ways to boost people's confidence in the system.

Section B: Error Identification

Your task is to identify which part of the question (as underlined) contains a language error.

11. I have been kept this photo album since I was 12 while I was studying at United Kingdom.
- A. kept
 - B. since
 - C. was
 - D. studying
12. Some enthusiastic retired police officers work as voluntary at the Police Museum to provide visitors with a lively sightseeing experience.
- A. enthusiastic
 - B. voluntary
 - C. provide
 - D. lively
13. The practice by publishers of bundling the sale of most textbooks with learning and teaching materials has resulted from increasing textbook prices.
- A. practice
 - B. bundling
 - C. from
 - D. prices
14. Demand on physical fitness of the Hong Kong Police Force officers is high because they need to cope with frequent outdoor and petrol duties.
- A. on
 - B. is
 - C. with
 - D. petrol
15. Also known as Spiderweb Palace as there are winding stairs and elevated walkways, Crazy House in Vietnam is an unique architectural design by Ms Dang Thi Nga.
- A. known
 - B. winding
 - C. an
 - D. design

Section C: Sentence Completion

Your task is to choose an option that can appropriately be inserted in the blank.

16. All police constables need to have their boots _____.
- A. shine
 - B. shone
 - C. shined
 - D. shining
17. To prevent injury due to _____ of the fitness equipment, read the operation instructions carefully before using it.
- A. use
 - B. misuse
 - C. abuse
 - D. unuse
18. The Hong Kong Police Force has _____ proactive strategies and measures to recruit new blood.
- A. adopting
 - B. adopted
 - C. adapting
 - D. adapted
19. We should look _____ our seniors as they have contributed much to the society.
- A. down upon
 - B. forward to
 - C. out for
 - D. up to
20. If Paul passes the recruitment examination next month, he will _____ working for the Hong Kong Police Force next year.
- A. been
 - B. being
 - C. have been
 - D. be
21. The Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force was originally formed in 1914 as a _____ to assist in times of natural disaster or civil emergency.
- A. reserve
 - B. conserve
 - C. reverse
 - D. converse

22. _____ honest man usually leads _____ uneventful life.
- A. A, a
 - B. A, an
 - C. An, a
 - D. An, an
23. This golf _____ aims at providing quality and affordable golfing to ordinary people in Hong Kong.
- A. rink
 - B. pitch
 - C. court
 - D. course
24. You can't sit on the _____ anymore; you must decide whose side you are on.
- A. bench
 - B. chair
 - C. fence
 - D. wall
25. _____ there is a keen competition, the boss still decides to open another restaurant in the nearby district.
- A. Although
 - B. If
 - C. Since
 - D. Unless
26. Let's take a break, _____?
- A. don't we
 - B. shall we
 - C. will you
 - D. won't you
27. This antique watch _____ one million dollars.
- A. is valuable
 - B. cost
 - C. is worth
 - D. prices
28. _____ else called you this morning, but I don't know who.
- A. Someone
 - B. Anyone
 - C. No one
 - D. Everyone

29. Mary asked the policeman _____
- A. if could he show her the way to Mongkok station.
 - B. if he could show her the way to Mongkok station.
 - C. if could he show her the way to Mongkok station?
 - D. if he could show her the way to Mongkok station?
30. Paul has _____ the table for dinner.
- A. lay
 - B. lied
 - C. lain
 - D. laid
31. Hardly had John rushed out of the room _____ the bomb exploded.
- A. than
 - B. while
 - C. when
 - D. if
32. _____ his dismay, David failed the recruitment examination.
- A. To
 - B. With
 - C. Beyond
 - D. In
33. He _____ German, doesn't he?
- A. says
 - B. speaks
 - C. talks
 - D. tells
34. The higher we climb, the _____ we feel.
- A. cold
 - B. colder
 - C. coldest
 - D. more colder
35. _____ the children are excited as this is the first time they have been abroad.
- A. As a result
 - B. Needless to say
 - C. No wonder
 - D. For your information

Section D: Paragraph Improvement

Your task is to read the two passages and choose the best option for the questions followed.

Passage A

(1) 1.I dislike my childhood. 2.Someone else praised me for being diligent and well-behaved but in fact, I did not think so. 3.Honestly speaking, I do not like being in a crowd. 4.Being alone does not mean being lonely. 5.I enjoy reading books, particularly those relating to history.

(2) 1.Unfortunately, my father has a big family. 2. _____, I have a lot of uncles, aunts and cousins. 3.From time to time, my father brought me to their houses. 4.The adults were playing mahjong, singing karaoke songs and chatting. At the same time, the children were playing games together. 5.Sometimes I _____ stay at a corner playing my own toy to playing with them. 6.Some uncles admired me that I was a autistic child. 7.That is what I do not like.

36. In Sentence 2 in paragraph (1), which word can be deleted but the sentence is still grammatically correct?

- A. else
- B. for
- C. being
- D. so

37. Which can replace the underlined phrase, 'in fact', in paragraph (1)?

- A. on the contrary
- B. additionally
- C. however
- D. actually

38. Where can the phrase, 'on my own' be inserted in Sentence 5 in paragraph (1)?

- A. Between 'I' and 'enjoy'
- B. Between 'enjoy' and 'reading'
- C. Between 'books' and ','
- D. Between 'history' and '.'

39. Which is best to be inserted in the blank in Sentence 2 in paragraph (2)?

- A. However
- B. On the whole
- C. In other words
- D. By the way

40. Which of the following statement is appropriate if the two underlined sentences are combined together in paragraph (2)?
- A. The adults were playing mahjong, singing karaoke songs and chatting so that the children were playing games together.
 - B. The children were playing games together with the adults were playing mahjong, singing karaoke songs and chatting
 - C. While the adults were playing mahjong, singing karaoke songs and chatting, the children were playing games together.
 - D. Playing games together, the adults were playing mahjong, singing karaoke songs and chatting.
41. Which is best to be inserted in the blank in Sentence 5 in paragraph (2)?
- A. would rather
 - B. had rather
 - C. would better
 - D. had better
42. Which of the underlined word/words in paragraph (2) is/are incorrect and how should it/they be corrected?
- A. 'admired' is incorrect and the correct word is 'commented'
 - B. 'a' is incorrect and the correct word is 'an'
 - C. 'admired' is incorrect and the correct word is 'commented' and 'a' is incorrect and the correct word is 'an'
 - D. Both two words, 'admired' and 'a', are correct
43. Where should the statement, 'The thundering noise irritated me, making me stressful.', be inserted in paragraph (2)?
- A. Between sentence 3 and sentence 4.
 - B. Between sentence 4 and sentence 5.
 - C. Between sentence 5 and sentence 6.
 - D. Between sentence 6 and sentence 7.

Passage B

(1) 1. The guests, along with more than 40 SILVERSHIELD ambassadors, distributed anti-deception leaflets and souvenirs to the public in Causeway Bay with a view to raise public awareness of deception, thereby preventing them from being scammed. 2. Upon celebrating its 6th anniversary, the Police Anti-Deception Coordination Centre (ADCC) organised a tram tour on 20 July 2023. 3. The officiating guests later boarded the tram with the latest anti-deception promotional messages and broadcasting anti-deception songs and information to travel from Sheung Wan to Causeway Bay. 4. The Commissioner of Police and representatives of 16 public and private organisations _____ have been working closely with Police in disseminating anti-deception messages were invited to officiate at the kick-off ceremony.

(2) The Hong Kong Police Force set up the ADCC in 2017. It consolidated all the relevant efforts of the Force and stakeholders in fighting and preventing the crime. One of the major functions of ADCC is to intercept payments made by victims to minimise their pecuniary loss. _____ is to enhance liaison with stakeholders to formulate all-round anti-deception publicity campaigns.

44. Which is the correct sequence for the four sentences in paragraph (1)?

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

45. Which of the underlined word/words in paragraph (1) is/are incorrect and how should it/they be corrected?

- A. 'raise' is incorrect and the correct word is 'raising'.
- B. 'preventing' is incorrect and the correct word is 'prevent'.
- C. 'raise' is incorrect and the correct word is 'raising' and 'preventing' is incorrect and the correct word is 'prevent'.
- D. both two words, 'raise' and 'preventing' are correct.

46. Which can replace the underlined word, 'Upon', in paragraph (1)?

- A. Before
- B. After
- C. While
- D. To

47. Where should the word, 'adorned' be inserted in Sentence 3 in paragraph (1)?

- A. Between 'later' and 'boarded'
- B. Between 'tram' and 'with'
- C. Between 'promotional' and 'messages'
- D. Between 'and' and 'information'

48. Which is best to be filled in the blank in paragraph (1)?
- A. who
 - B. what
 - C. which
 - D. how
49. Which is more appropriate in terms of meaning if the two underlined sentences in paragraph (2) are combined together?
- A. The ADCC consolidated all the relevant efforts of the Force and stakeholders in fighting and preventing the crime because the Hong Kong Police Force set up the ADCC in 2017.
 - B. The Hong Kong Police Force set up the ADCC in 2017 but the ADCC consolidated all the relevant efforts of the Force and stakeholders in fighting and preventing the crime.
 - C. Although the ADCC consolidated all the relevant efforts of the Force and stakeholders in fighting and preventing the crime, the Hong Kong Police Force set up the ADCC in 2017.
 - D. The Hong Kong Police Force set up the ADCC in 2017 so that it would consolidate all the relevant efforts of the Force and stakeholders in fighting and preventing the crime.
50. Which phrase is best to be filled in the blank in paragraph (2)?
- A. Another one
 - B. It
 - C. The next step
 - D. The latest activity

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KEY (Test 5)

Section A: Comprehension Passage 1

Total: 20 marks (2 marks @)

1. B	2. A	3. B	4. C	5. D
6. C	7. A	8. D	9. B	10. A

Section B: Error Identification

Total: 10 marks (2 marks @)

11. A	12. B	13. C	14. D	15. C
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Section C: Sentence Completion

Total: 40 marks (2 marks @)

16. C	17. B	18. B	19. D	20. D
21. A	22. D	23. D	24. C	25. A
26. B	27. C	28. A	29. B	30. D
31. C	32. A	33. B	34. B	35. C

Section D: Paragraph Improvement

Total: 30 marks (2 marks @)

36. A	37. D	38. C	39. C	40. C
41. A	42. C	43. B	44. D	45. A
46. C	47. B	48. C	49. D	50. A