

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

A. SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

I. Mục đích, mục tiêu kiến thức

1. Mục đích.

- Giúp học sinh ôn tập lại từ vựng, mở rộng vốn từ vựng trong các chủ đề đã học được sử dụng trong ngữ cảnh của câu.

2. Mục tiêu

- Học sinh rèn cách làm bài tập dạng tìm từ đồng nghĩa và trái nghĩa.

- Học sinh rèn kỹ năng đoán từ / cụm từ trong ngữ cảnh của câu.

II. Bài tập ôn luyện

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 1: Around 150 B.C. the Greek astronomer Hipparchus developed a system to classify stars according to brightness.

A. record B. shine C. categorize D. diversify

Question 2: Before the advent of the railways, communications were slow and difficult.

A. import B. disappearance C. introduction D. arrival

Question 3: Whenever problems come up, we discuss them frankly and find solutions quickly.

A. honestly B. constantly C. loyally D. unselfishly

Question 4: Unselfishness is the very essence of friendship.

A. necessary part B. important part C. difficult part D. interesting part

Question 5: Despite her cries, no one came to her assistance.

A. help B. suggestion C. hindrance D. belief

Question 6: I'm all in favor of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the moon.

A. longing for what is beyond the reach B. asking for what is attainable

C. doing something with vigor or intensity D. crying a lot and for a long time

Question 7: The government must be able to prevent and deter threats to our homeland as well as detect impending danger before attacks or incidents occur.

A. irrefutable B. imminent C. formidable D. absolute

Question 8: I'm sorry I can't go to the movies with you this weekend - I'm up to my ears in work.

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

Question 9: While Tom Spinkler was travelling along Wagon Wheel Road in Big Cypress Swamp in South Florida, he came across a young snake.

A. run up B. run down C. run into D. run out

Question 10: The aboriginal people of Australia are experts at survival in an environment with scanty resources.

A. ordinary B. limited C. abundant D. natural

Question 11: That was so serious a matter that I had no choice but to call in the police

A. ask the police to come and help B. phone to say where we are

C. ask the police to come to a particular place D. order the police by phone

Question 12: An indecisive commander is unlikely to win the confidence of his men.

- A. slow B. determined C. hesitant D. reliant

Question 13: Western cultures are often more informal, where business leaders often refer to each other by first names. In countries like Japan, this is frowned upon as it indicates disrespect.

- A. hated by B. disapproved of C. agreed on D. kept away from

Question 14: Notwithstanding some members' objections, I think we must go ahead with the plan.

- A. Similarly B. Despite C. Along with D. Otherwise

Question 15: Because of his disease, the doctor advised him to abstain from alcohol and meat. However, he seems not to follow this advice.

- A. continue B. desist C. increase D. undermine

Question 16: When I was young and idealistic I believed it was possible to change the world.

- A. applicable B. energetic C. practical D. thoughtless

Question 17: In the 1960s, the World Health Organization (WHO) began a campaign to get rid of the mosquitoes that transmit the disease malaria.

- A. minimize B. develop C. eradicate D. appreciate

Question 18: A father will be his child's role model. He will be the example for his child of what husbands and fathers are like.

- A. someone that others admire and follow B. someone that others share interest with
C. someone that others love and live with D. someone that others are fond of with

Question 19: A lot of adults pay lip service to the idea that it is important to listen to teenagers' ideas, but they tend to listen and then forget.

- A. empty promise B. solemn promise C. broken promise D. early promise

Question 20: Students will find all academic assignments via the class blog their teachers create to post assignments.

- A. by means of B. in terms of C. by the way D. in search of

Question 21: I took a course at the employment bureau to learn how to organize my résumé to best show off my experience and qualifications.

- A. enhance B. promote C. boast D. achieve

Question 22: In their senseless killing of innocent people, the terrorists have shown their lack of respect for human life.

- A. had B. earned C. gained D. commanded

Question 23: 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 24: Veronica broke the school rules so many times that the headmistress finally had no alternative but to expel her.

- A. force her to leave a school B. make her meet the headmaster
C. punish her severely D. beat her violently

Question 25: If he so much as harms a hair on her head, I won't be responsible for my actions.

- A. hurts her B. flirts her C. dates her D. beats her

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 26: Unless the two signatures are identical, the bank won't honour the check.

- A. genuine B. different C. fake D. similar

Question 27: She's a bit down in the dumps because she's got to take her exam again.

- A. sad B. embarrassed C. confident D. happy

Question 28: John is the black sheep of the family. He is currently serving 5 years in jail for stealing a car.

- A. a member of a family who is regarded as a disgrace and an embarrassment.
B. a member of a family who supports family by raising sheep.
C. a member of a family who confers prestige on his family.
D. a breadwinner.

Question 29: It is an ideal opportunity to make yourself memorable with employers for the right reasons by asking sensible questions.

- A. theoretical B. silly C. practical D. burning

Question 30: In some countries, the disease **burden** could be prevented through environmental improvements.

- A. something to suffer B. something enjoyable
C. something sad D. something to entertain

Question 31: I was going to have a go at parachuting but **lost my nerve** at the last minute.

- A. was determined to go ahead B. lost my temper
C. was discouraged from trying D. grew out of it

Question 32: Overpopulation in big cities has **severely** affected the air and water quality.

- A. seriously B. insignificantly C. largely D. commonly

Question 33: My father **was as poor as a church mouse** growing up, so his sole focus was to give his kids every opportunity in life that he missed out on.

- A. looked like a million dollars B. was born with a silver spoon in his mouth
C. was short of cash D. was very poor

Question 34: Social media which prove to be an **efficient** means of communication have helped narrow the gap between faraway people.

- A. inadequate B. ineffective C. incapable D. impotent

Question 35: For eliminating pollution, one can **switch to** alternative and renewable energy sources like bio fuels instead of depending on non-renewable fossil fuels that only helps in polluting our planet.

- A. change for the better B. substitute for the unavailable
C. make no change at all D. find a replacement for

Question 36: Scientists believe that it is possible for waves to reach the heights described when they **come into contact with** strong ocean currents.

- A. touch B. enter C. meet D. avoid

Question 37: There is a (n) **world of difference** between love and marriage. While love belongs to emotion, marriage means a lot of bonds and responsibilities.

- A. striking similarity B. sharp contrast C. general equivalence D. clear distinction

Question 38: For many couples, money is the source of arguments, frustration. When it comes to finances and relationships, sharing the financial **burden** is important.

- A. benefit B. responsibility C. aid D. difficulty

Question 39: Aren't you **putting the cart before the horse** by deciding what to wear for the wedding before you've even been invited to it?

- A. doing things in the wrong order B. do things in the right order
C. knowing the ropes D. upsetting the apple cart

Question 40: The manager needs an assistant that he can **count on** to take care of problems in his absence.

- A. discredit B. disrespect C. dislike D. distrust

Question 41: If it had not been for the coach's decision to **strike while the iron is hot**, the team would not have won the game so easily.

- A. take advantage of an opportunity B. miss the boat
C. face the music D. put others first

Question 42: **On the whole**, further education still plays an important role in the development of any country.

- A. Generally B. Specifically C. Essentially D. Surprisingly

Question 43: It's not **beyond the realm of possibility** that some schools may have to cut sport altogether.

- A. possible B. impossible C. unlikely D. certain

Question 44: It is an ideal opportunity to make yourself memorable with employers for the right reasons by asking **sensible** questions.

- A. theoretical B. silly C. practical D. burning

Question 45: Steve was very happy in his job until he **fell out with** his boss. After that, it was difficult for them to work together.

- A. made up with B. made for C. made out D. made off

Question 46: Today, **illegal** hunting still threatens many species, especially large mammals such as tigers, rhinoceros, bears and even primates.

- A. allowed by law B. forbidden by law C. introducing a law D. imposing a law

Question 47: His lawyer thought he had a good chance of being **acquitted** at the trial, if no further evidence was found.

- A. found guilty B. declared innocent C. advised of appealing D. charged of fraud

Question 48: The rapid development of artificial intelligence can replace many people in their jobs and make many people **unemployed**.

- A. have a job working for a company or another person
B. not have a job that provides money
C. have enough skills and abilities for someone to employ you
D. have enough skills and abilities

Question 49: My teacher required us to present our report of the survey's result **in black and white** in order for her to see our points easily.

- A. clearly B. ambiguously C. thoroughly D. obviously

Question 50: From my point of View, parental **divorce** can cause lasting negative consequences for children.

- A. beginning of a marriage B. the situation of not marrying
C. single person D. ending of a marriage

B. SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

I. Mục đích, mục tiêu kiến thức

1. Mục đích.

- Giúp học sinh ôn tập lại ngữ pháp, cấu trúc câu thường gặp trong các đề thi tốt nghiệp.

2. Mục tiêu

- Học sinh rèn cách viết lại câu sao cho nghĩa tương đương với câu đã cho dưới dạng bài trắc nghiệm.

II. Bài tập ôn luyện

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 1: He should have listened to your advice.

- A. It was essential that he listen to your advice but he didn't.
B. It was likely that he could have listened to your advice.
C. I was guess he might have taken your advice.
D. He needn't have listened to your advice.

Question 2: Tom said: "I have already had breakfast, so I am not hungry."

- A. Tom said he had already had breakfast, so he is not hungry.
B. Tom said he has already had breakfast, so he is not hungry.
C. Tom said he has already had breakfast, so he was not hungry.
D. Tom said he had already had breakfast, so he was not hungry.

Question 3: As John became more successful, he had less time for his family.

- A. The less time John had for his family, the more successful he became.
B. The more successful John became, the less time he had for his family.
C. More and more successful John achieved caused him to have less time for his family.
D. The more successful John achieved, the less time he had for his family.

Question 4: I'm sure that they had practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

- A. They couldn't have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals
B. They must have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals

C. They shouldn't have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals

D. They might have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

Question 5: "Sometimes, I think I'm overly independent. I hate asking for help." She said.

A. She said sometimes she thought she was overly independent as she hated asking for help.

B. Sometimes, she said she hated asking for help to be thought of as being overly independent.

C. She said sometimes, she was thought to be overly independent as she hated asking for help.

D. Sometimes, as she said, she hated being asked for help and thought she was overly independent.

Question 6: Elephants have the same importance now as they did in the past.

A. Elephants now are the most important. B. Elephants have never been so important.

C. Elephants are as important as ever. D. Elephants are as important as they will.

Question 7: Ecotourism can support conservation and environmental management if properly carried out.

A. As ecotourism is properly carried out, it can support conservation and environmental management.

B. In order for ecotourism to support conservation and environment management, it is properly carried out.

C. Only when properly carried out can ecotourism support conservation and environmental management.

D. Supporting conservation and environmental management, ecotourism is properly carried out.

Question 8: "Which cities have the worst waste problem?" the student asked the teacher.

A. The student asked the teacher for which cities had the worst waste problem.

B. The student asked the teacher to tell him which cities had the worst waste problem.

C. The student asked the teacher which cities had the worst waste problem.

D. The student asked the teacher which cities had had the worst waste problem.

Question 9: My brother quickly adapted to his new job at the bank.

A. My brother was used to adapting to new jobs at the bank quickly.

B. My brother's new job at the bank was easy for him to adapt to.

C. My brother quickly got used to his new job at the bank.

D. My brother was able to do his new job at the bank easily.

Question 10: You should not have come to class late.

A. I'd rather you didn't come to class late. B. I would like you not to be late for class.

C. I'd sooner you hadn't come to class late. D. I would prefer that you come to class on time.

Question 11: It was careless of you to leave the windows open last night.

A. You shouldn't have left the windows open last night.

B. You left the windows open last night due to your carelessness.

C. If you hadn't been careless, you wouldn't have left the windows open last night.

D. You can't have left the windows open last night because you were careless.

Question 12: My father likes reading newspaper more than watching TV.

A. My father doesn't like reading newspaper as much as watching TV.

B. My father likes watching TV as much as reading newspaper.

C. My father doesn't like watching TV as much as reading newspaper.

D. My father likes watching TV more than reading newspaper.

Question 13: "Please don't leave until I come back", Sarah said.

A. Sarah suggested not leaving until she comes back.

B. Sarah asked us to leave until she came back.

C. Sarah told us not to leave until she came back.

D. Sarah offered to leave until she came back.

Question 14: The weather has been terrible recently. I am very depressed now.

A. If the weather had not been terrible lately, I wouldn't be so depressed now.

B. If the weather hasn't been terrible recently, I won't be so depressed now.

C. If the weather hadn't been terrible recently, I wouldn't have been so depressed now.

D. If the weather had been more terrible recently, I would be depressed now.

Question 15: I eat a lot. I cannot keep fit.

A. I eat more and more and become fitter and fitter.

B. The less I eat, the fitter I become.

C. The more I eat, the less fit I become.

D. I become fit not only because I eat a lot.

Question 16: It is against the school rules to cheat in the test.

- A. You don't have to cheat in the test.
- B. You must cheat in the test.
- C. You must not cheat in the test.
- D. You have to cheat in the test.

Question 17: "You should open up and tell our teacher about your situation", said Maria to Victor.

- A. Maria advised Victor to open up and tell their teacher about his situation.
- B. Maria forbid Victor to open up and tell their teacher about his situation.
- C. Maria forced Victor to open up and tell their teacher about his situation.
- D. Maria allowed Victor to open up and tell their teacher about his situation.

Question 18: The professor is a more efficient financial adviser than the expert.

- A. The professor gives advice on finance less efficiently than the expert.
- B. The expert is a less efficient financial adviser than the professor.
- C. The professor gives advice on finance not as efficiently as the expert.
- D. The expert gives financial advice more efficiently than the professor.

Question 19: She said, "John, I'll show you round my city when you're here."

- A. She made a trip round her city with John.
- B. She planned to show John round her city.
- C. She promised to show John round her city.
- D. She organized a trip round her city for John.

Question 20: People say that Vietnamese students are not well-prepared for their future jobs.

- A. Vietnamese students are said not to be well-prepared for their future jobs.
- B. Vietnamese students say they are not well-prepared for their future jobs.
- C. People do not like Vietnamese students to be well-prepared for their future jobs
- D. People, as well as Vietnamese students, are not well-prepared for their future jobs.

Question 21: Unlike traditional learning, the e-learning is flexible for the students as well as for the teachers.

- A. The e-learning is more flexible for the students and the teachers than traditional learning.
- B. The students' e-learning is more flexible than the teachers' traditional learning.
- C. The e-learning for the students is more flexible than traditional learning for the teachers.
- D. The students use more flexible e-learning than traditional learning used by the teachers.

Question 22: He broke up with her but now he thinks that was a mistake.

- A. He feels a pity that he had broken up with her.
- B. He wishes not to have broken her up.
- C. He regrets having broken up with her.
- D. He was mistaken with breaking up with her.

Question 23: "Let's tell Dad about our problem" said Carol to Tony.

- A. Carol ordered Tony to tell Dad about their problem.
- B. Carol suggested telling Dad about their problem.
- C. Carol forbid Tony to tell Dad about their problem.
- D. Carol allowed Tony to tell Dad about their problem.

Question 24: People believed that Jane failed the test because of her laziness.

- A. It is believed that Jane failed the test because of her laziness.
- B. Jane was believed to fail the test on account of her laziness.
- C. Jane is believed to fail the test owing to her laziness.
- D. It was believed that Jane had failed the test due to laziness.

Question 25: "What happens to what we throw away?", Mary wonders.

- A. Mary wonders what happens to what we throw away.
- B. Mary wondered what happened to what we threw away.
- C. Mary wondered what has happened to what we threw away.
- D. Mary wonders what happened to what we threw away.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 26: We live in a world. Immediate and easy access to information is a standard expectation there.

- A. Immediate and easy access to information in the world we live in is a standard expectation.
- B. Immediate and easy access to information is expected to be standardized in the world we live in.
- C. People living in this world expect that immediate and easy access to information is a standard.
- D. It is expected that immediate and easy access to information in the world we live in is a standard.

Question 27: Urban population grows and the effects of climate change worsen. Therefore, our cities have to adapt.

- A. Our cities have to adapt if urban population grows and the effects of climate change worsen.
- B. As the urban population grows and the effects of climate change worsen, our cities have to adapt.
- C. Our cities are always adaptive to urban population growth and the effects of climate changes.
- D. Urban population growth and effects of climate changes are worsening, which make our cities

more adaptive.

Question 28: Could you reply this e-mail? Please confirm your attendance at the meeting!

- A. I wonder whether you have the ability to confirm your attendance at the meeting.
- B. If I were you I would reply this e-mail to confirm my attendance at the meeting.
- C. Do you mind replying this e-mail to confirm your attendance at the meeting?
- D. You'd better reply this e-mail to confirm your attendance at the meeting soon.

Question 29: Sunbathing is still a popular activity. People do it even though they know it can cause cancer,

- A. No matter what people know that sunbathing can cause cancer, it is still a popular activity.
- B. Because sunbathing is still a popular activity, it can cause cancer.
- C. Sunbathing is still a popular activity as long as it can cause cancer.
- D. Unless it can cause cancer, sunbathing is still a popular activity.

Question 30: Volunteer work includes a wide range of activities. Among them are coaching children and youth.

A. Coaching children and youth are the most common activities included in a wide range of volunteer working activities.

B. Coaching children and youth are included in a wide range of activities of volunteer work.

C. Including a wide range of activities, volunteer work involves coaching children and youth.

D. Volunteer work includes a wide range of activities, among which are coaching children and

youth.

Question 31: The company director decided to raise the workers' wages. He did not want them to leave.

A. The company director decided to raise the workers' wages, so they did not leave.

B. The company director decided to raise the workers' wages though he wanted them to leave.

C. The workers did not want to leave since the company director decided to raise their wages.

D. Not wanting the workers to leave, the company director decided to raise their wages.

Question 32: He was very tired. He agreed to play tennis.

A. Tired as though he was, he agreed to play tennis.

B. Tired though he was, he agreed to play tennis.

C. Tired, he agreed to play tennis.

D. So tired was he that he agreed to play tennis.

Question 33: Tina does not want to become a lawyer. She wants to become a counselor.

A. It is a lawyer, not a counselor that Tina wants to become.

B. It is Tina who wants to become a counselor not a lawyer.

C. It is Tina who wants to become a lawyer not a counselor.

D. It is a counselor, not a lawyer that Tina wants to become.

Question 34: We came in the room. Our boss was sitting in the front desk.

A. We came in the room, our boss was sitting in the front desk.

B. When we came in the room, our boss had been sitting in the front desk.

C. When we came in the room, in the front desk was sitting our boss.

D. Hardly had we come in the room when our boss sat in the front desk.

Question 35: Sara's classmates said that she littered on the school yard. She denied it.

A. Sara denied having littered on the school yard.

B. Sara denied her friends' littering on the school yard.

C. Having littered on the school yard, Sara's classmates denied it.

D. As Sara denied it, her classmates said that she littered on the school yard.

Question 36: A. His parents don't like some of his friends despite their too flashy clothes.

B. His parents don't like some of his friends because of their too flashy clothes.

C. His parents don't like some of his friends but for their flashy clothes.

D. His parents don't like some of his friends without their too flashy clothes.

Question 37: Inventors' and engineers' initial ideas rarely solve a problem. Instead, they try different ideas, learn from mistakes, and try again.

A. Instead of trying to solve a problem, inventors' and engineers' initial ideas are to try different ideas, learn from mistakes, and try again.

B. Rarely do inventors' and engineers' initial ideas solve a problem rather than try different ideas, learn from mistakes, and try again.

C. Because inventors' and engineers' initial Ideas rarely solve a problem, they try different ideas, learn from mistakes, and try again.

D. Even though inventors' and engineers' initial ideas rarely solve a problem, they try different ideas, learn from mistakes, and try again.

Question 38: They were exhausted. They could hardly continue the journey

A. They were so exhausted that they could hardly continue the journey.

B. They were hardly exhausted but they could not continue the journey.

C. Exhausted as they were, they tried to continue the journey.

D. They could continue the journey as they were hardly exhausted.

Question 39: Karen didn't want to go to the cinema with us. She had already seen the movie.

A. Karen didn't want to go to the cinema with us, so she had already seen it.

B. Karen didn't want to go to the cinema with us as she had already seen it.

C. As Karen had already seen the movie, Karen didn't want to go to the cinema.

D. Karen had already seen the movie, then she didn't want to go the cinema.

Question 40: The average lifespan is 79 years. However, the poorest men in this city have a life expectancy of 54 years.

A. If the average lifespan is 79 years, the poorest men in this city have a life expectancy of 54 years.

B. The average life expectancy of 79 years is higher than that of the poorest men in this city. C.

The poorest men in this city have a life expectancy of 54 years, much lower than the average lifespan. D.
The average life expectancy is 25 years higher than the poorest men in this city.

Question 41: Sam has a new job title and she gets a higher salary now. This means, she has been promoted.

A. Sam has a new job title and gets a higher salary now, which means she has been promoted.

B. Sam has been promoted because she has a new job title to get a higher salary now

C. Getting a higher salary after having a new job title had made Sam promoted

D. Having been promoted, Sam has a new job title and gets a higher salary now.

Question 42: Technology allows for remote working. This expands women's options.

A. Technology allows for remote working, which expands women's options.

B. That technology allows for remote working will expand women's options.

C. Because technology allows for remote working, it expands women's options.

D. Allowing for remote working, technology expands women's options.

Question 43: She teaches children with special needs. Many of them have severe learning difficulties.

A. She teaches children with special needs and whoever have severe learning difficulties.

B. She teaches children with special needs and severe learning difficulties.

C. She teaches children of severe learning difficulties and with special needs.

D. She teaches children with special needs, many of whom have severe learning difficulties.

Question 44: Ann can't use her office this week. The painters are working there.

A. Ann is not working at her office because the painters are working there.

B. Ann can't use her office this week because her office is being painted.

C. The painters who are working at Ann's office ask her out during the week.

D. The painters are using Ann's office this week as they are working there.

Question 45: So many animals are now in danger of extinction. Then, a list of them is kept in a Red Book.

A. To keep many animals from danger of extinction, a list has been made in a Red Book.

B. So many animals are now in danger of extinction that a list of them is kept in a Red Book

C. So many animals are now in danger of extinction that a list of them is kept in a Red Book.

D. So many animals are now in danger of extinction as to keep a list of them in a Red Book.

