

ĐỀ SỐ 14

(Đề thi có 05 trang)

Họ, tên thí sinh:

Số báo danh:

Read the following 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 31 to 40.

On a boat near Costa Rica, a team of marine biologists' is helping a turtle. The animal is having trouble breathing, and the team discovers why there is something inside its nose. A scientist tries to extract the object, but the turtle cries in pain. Finally, after eight long minutes, a long object is pulled out: It is a 10-centimeter plastic straw,

The video of the turtle's rescue has been viewed millions of times on YouTube. [I] It has helped raise awareness of a growing problem: The world's seas are full of plastic. [II] Since 2000, there has been a huge increase in worldwide plastic production, but we recycle less than one-fifth of it. [III] Today, scientists think about 8.1 billion kilograms goes into the sea every year from coastal regions. [IV] Most of this plastic will never biodegrade.

This ocean plastic hurts millions of sea animals every year. Some fish eat plastic because it is covered with sea plants, and it looks and smells like food. Typically, eating plastic leads to constant hunger. "Imagine you ate lunch and then just felt weak... and hungry all day," says marine biologist Matthew Savoca. "That would be very confusing." In some cases, eating sharp pieces of plastic can seriously hurt sea animals and even result in death.

Plastic is useful to people because it is strong and lasts a long time-but this is bad news for sea creatures who eat or get stuck in it. According to Savoca, "Single-use plastics are the worst." These are items that are used only once before we throw them away. Some common examples include straws, water bottles, and plastic bags. About 7000 sea species (including the turtle from the video) have been caught in or have eaten this kind of plastic. Luckily, the turtle survived and was released back into the ocean.

How will plastic affect sea animals in the long term? "I think we'll know the answers in 5 to 10 years' time," says Debra Lee Magadini from Columbia University. But by then, another 25 million tons of plastic will already be in the ocean.

Question 31. The word "extract" in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

A. remove B. insert C. replace D. add

Question 32. Where in paragraph 2 does the following sentence best fit?

"A lot of this plastic waste ends up in the ocean"

A. [I] B. [III] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 33. According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a concern about plastic?

A. The rapid increase in global plastic production.
B. The fact that most plastic will not break down naturally.
C. The low percentage of plastic that is recycled worldwide.
D. The harmful effects of plastic on human health.

Question 34. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?

A. Ocean plastic production has increased significantly since 2000, leading to environmental pollution.
B. Eating plastic confuses and harms sea animals, sometimes causing death.
C. Marine biologists are working to reduce the amount of plastic waste in the oceans.

D. Many fish mistake plastic for food because it looks and smells similar to sea plants.

Question 35. The word "them" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. sea creatures B. single-use plastics C. scientists D. plastic straws

Question 36. The word "released" in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to:

A. discovered B. saved C. found D. captured

Question 37. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

A. The long-term effects of plastic pollution on sea animals are well-understood.
B. Single-use plastics are the only type of plastic that harms sea animals.
C. The problem of plastic pollution is likely to worsen in the coming years.
D. Most plastic pollution comes from inland sources.

Question 38. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 5?

A. It will take a long time to find a solution, and by then the plastic problem will worsen.
B. Scientists will find answers soon, and the plastic pollution will be completely under control.
C. We already have the answers about plastic pollution, but we need more time to act.
D. The plastic problem will be solved in 5 to 10 years with minimal additional pollution.

Question 39. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Single-use plastics are particularly harmful because they are designed to last for many years.
B. Marine animals tend to eat plastic because they are unable to differentiate it from food.
C. Despite the negative effects of plastic, it is likely that the amount of plastic entering the oceans will decrease over time.
D. The rescue of the turtle in the video shows that plastic is not always lethal to sea animals.

Question 40. Which of the following could be served as the best title for the passage?

A. The Plastic Crisis: A Threat to Marine Life
B. The Rescue of a Turtle: A Symbol of Hope
C. The Benefits of Plastic: A Double-Edged Sword
D. The Future of the Oceans: A Plastic-Free World

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- *Thí sinh không sử dụng tài liệu.*

- *Giám thị coi thi không giải thích gì thêm.*

Read the following passage about education in Nepal 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 31 to 40.

Gender Equality Today:

Gender equality is a fundamental human right and a critical foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. [I] Despite significant progress in recent years, gender inequality remains a pressing issue across the globe. [II] Women continue to be underrepresented in leadership positions and face numerous **barriers** in various sectors, including education, healthcare, and the workforce. [III] According to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021, it will take an estimated 135.6 years to close the gender gap globally if current trends continue. [IV]

In many countries, women are still subjected to discrimination and violence. Gender-based violence, including domestic violence and sexual harassment, affects millions of women worldwide and hinders **their** ability to participate fully in society. Additionally, cultural and societal norms often perpetuate stereotypes that limit women's roles and opportunities.

However, there are positive signs of change. Movements advocating for gender equality have gained **momentum**, and more individuals are recognizing the importance of women's rights. Governments and organizations are implementing policies to promote equal opportunities and protect against discrimination. Education plays a vital role in this transformation, as empowering girls through education can lead to improved economic outcomes and healthier communities.

Achieving gender equality is not only a matter of fairness; it is essential for the advancement of society as a whole. By ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all genders, we can create a more just and equitable world.

[Adapted United Nations. "Gender Equality." UN Women. 2021]

Question 31: Which position in paragraph 1 is the most appropriate for the sentence:

"Ensuring that women and men have equal opportunities is essential for the development of society."

A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 32: The phrase "barriers" in paragraph 1 can be replaced with which word?

A. Challenges B. Benefits C. Rights D. Laws

Question 33: Whose is the word "**their**" in paragraph 2 mentioned:

A. Men B. Governments C. Women D. Norms

Question 34: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is **NOT** a reason preventing women from fully participating in society?

A. Violence B. Cultural norms C. Equal opportunities D. Stereotypes

Question 35: What is the best summary of paragraph 3?

A. Women's rights are gaining more recognition. B. Violence against women is decreasing rapidly.
C. Gender equality movements are ineffective. D. Discrimination is no longer an issue for women.

Question 36: The word "**momentum**" in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to which word?

A. Increase B. Decline C. Growth D. Movement

Question 37: Which statement is **TRUE** according to the reading?

A. Education plays a key role in promoting gender equality.
B. Gender inequality is no longer a major issue globally.
C. Women's leadership roles are now equal to men's.
D. Gender-based violence has decreased worldwide.

Question 38: Which statement best expresses the meaning of the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

A. Gender equality can be achieved quickly through government policies.
B. Gender equality is essential for ensuring that women have more rights than men.
C. Achieving gender equality is primarily about securing jobs for women.
D. Gender equality is necessary for the advancement of society as a whole.

Question 39: What can be inferred from the reading?

A. Gender equality movements have completely eliminated discrimination.
B. It will take less than 50 years to close the gender gap.
C. Cultural norms still play a role in limiting women's opportunities.
D. Education alone is enough to solve gender inequality issues.

Question 40: What is the best summary of the entire reading?

A. Gender equality is no longer an issue in most parts of the world.
B. Progress has been made, but gender inequality still requires attention and action.
C. Women are now equally represented in all leadership positions.
D. The education system has solved the issue of gender inequality.