

UNIT 8: BECOMING INDEPENDENT

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Choose the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. lake B. bay C. cane D. lack
2. A. lurk B. luck C. but D. shut
3. A. stopped B. expected C. finished D. faced

Exercise 2. Choose the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

4. A. reliable B. independent C. responsible D. decisiveness
5. A. difficult B. confident C. critical D. important

Part II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 3. Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

6. When getting into troubles, Jack never.....on other people for help. He always solves them on his own.

- A. determines B. influences C. **relies** D. manages

7. He suffered.....serious depression after losing his beloved pet.

- A. in B. **from** C. with D. for

8. It was essential for him to be financially.....of his parents, so he decided to find a part-time job.

- A. dependent B. **independent** C. dependable D. un dependable

9. Thanks to many investors, my dream to set up my own trading company came..... **came true**

- A. exactly **công hiên** B. real C. right D. **true**

10. His dedication to the educational charity was truly.....

- A. **admirable** B. reliable C. critical D. disapproving

11. The director informed that no candidates~~.....all the criteria for~~ the administrative position.

- A. completed B. **fulfilled** C. achieved D. suited

12.....time-management skills is a core requirement for this job.

- A. Solving B. Adapting C. Developing D. **Mastering**

13. I was encouraged to.....for the grandest prize in the dancing competition.

- A. try B. **strive** C. reach D. achieve

14. We're punished for not submitting our outline on time as the task.....was too difficult.

- A. **assigned** B. done C. taken D. reminded

15. That Tom is.....of finishing the research project prior to the deadline satisfied our manager.

- A. able B. skillful C. **capable** D. talented

16. We've divided the group report into three parts and you're.....for the conclusion one.

- A. **responsible** B. irresponsible C. response D. responsive

17. You should make a list of things to do and.....them if you want to work effectively.

- A. do B. arrange C. **prioritise** D. approach

18. Despite my parents' disagreement, I'm.....to drop out of university and establish my own business.

- A. **determined** B. confident C. successful D. All are correct

19. He.....me about the lecture yesterday. Otherwise, I would have missed it completely.

- A. demanded B. approached C. said D. **reminded**

Exercise 4. Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

20. I'm totally exhausted after having finished successive **assignments** in only a week.

- A. Jobs B. works C. **exercises** D. problems

21. He is truly a **reliable** friend. He will always be with me and never let me down.

- A. mean B. independent C. decisive D. **dependable**

22. In spite of poverty and dreadful conditions, they still manage to keep their **self-respect**.

- A. self-reliant B. self-restraint C. **self-esteem** D. self-assured

Exercise 5. Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

23. Tommy was fired owing to his **arrogant** manner.

- A. **humble** B. overconfident C. superior D. haughty

24. The maintenance of this company is **dependent on** international investment.

- A. affective B. **self-reliant** C. self-restricted D. reliant

25. With his remarkable ability, Lam can deal with this problem **effectively**.

- A. uneffectively B. inefficiently C. **ineffectively** D. unefficiently

26. The physical therapy helped Jim **overcome** his fear of height.

- A. overwhelm B. control C. **neglect** D. conquer

Part IV. SPEAKING

Exercise 6. Choose the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

27. "You look very pretty in this dress." ~ "....."

- A. **It's so nice of you to say that.** B. Yes, it is fairly expensive.

- C. I see what you mean. D. Thanks for your wish.

28. "Huy hasn't finished his assignment, has he?" ~ "....."

- A. Yes, he has. He hasn't finished it yet.
 B. Yes, he hasn't. He's too lazy.
 C. No, he has in spite of being a good student.
D. No, he hasn't because of his illness.
29. "When will our factory be expanded?" ~ "....."
 A. It was expanded in 1996. **B.** It depends on our director's decision.
 C. I didn't hear about it. D. That's good news.
30. "You're late again, Peter." ~ "....."
 A. It's none of your business. B. Only 5 minutes left.
C. I'm sorry. My car broke down this morning. D. I expect not to be fired.
31. "I'm meeting some friends for a meal in town tomorrow. Fancy joining us?"
 ~ "....."
 A. That's fine. B. What's the time now?
C. I am not sure. What time? D. Fine. I won't!

Part V. READING

Exercise 7. Read the following passage and choose the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Would you like to learn to rock climb? Or spend time working at an animal sanctuary? That's (32).....Andrea Black and Jenny Smith are doing as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. The award encourages young people to do (33).....cultural, social and adventure activities in their (34)time. The Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, started the award in 1956. He started it (35).....he wanted young people to learn to help themselves and other people.

The award is for people aged 14-25, and there are three levels: Bronze, for those aged 14 or over, Silver for over 15s, and Gold for over 16s. You have to complete four activities to (36).....the award:

- * go on an (37)(e.g. hiking, kayaking or climbing)
- * learn a new practical or social skill (anything from painting to podcasting!)
- * take (38)a physical challenge (e.g. learn or improve at a sport)
- * do voluntary work helping people or the environment (e.g. work with disabled or elderly people, or (39).....money for a charity).

Young people usually do the award at a Duke of Edinburgh club at their school or at a local (40).....group. They (41).....what they are going to do, and write a plan. It usually takes (42).....one and three years to finish an award.

32. **A.** what B. why C. which D. when
 33. A. excited **B.** exciting C. excitement D. excite
 34. A. idle B. journey C. waiting **D.** free
 35. A. therefore B. but **C.** because D. if
 36. A. compete B. accept C. realize **D.** receive

37. A. expenditure B. expense **C.** expedition D. expect
 38. **A.** on B. in C. away D. after
 39. A. lift B. increase **C.** raise D. advance
 40. **A.** youth B. young C. immature D. immaturity
 41. **A.** decide B. are deciding C. decided D. had decided
 42. A. from B. in C. during **D.** between

Exercise 8. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each of the questions.

ARE TRADITIONAL WAYS OF LEARNING THE BEST?

One school in Hampshire, UK, offers 24-hour teaching. The children can decide when or if they come to school. The school is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., for 364 days a year and provides online teaching throughout the night. The idea is that pupils don't have to come to school and they can decide when they want to study. Cheryl Heron, the head teacher, said "Some students learn better at night. Some students learn better in the morning." Cheryl believes that if children are bored, they will not come to school. "Why must teaching only be conducted in a classroom? You can teach a child without him ever coming to school."

Steiner schools encourage creativity and free thinking so children can study art, music and gardening as well as science and history. They don't have to learn to read and write at an early age. At some Steiner schools the teachers can't use textbooks. They talk to the children, who learn by listening. Every morning the children have to go to special music and movement classes called "eurhythmy", which help them learn to concentrate. Very young children learn foreign languages through music and song. Another difference from traditional schools is that at Steiner schools you don't have to do any tests or exams.

A child learning music with the Suzuki method has to start as young as possible. Even two-year-old children can learn to play difficult pieces of classical music, often on the violin. They do **this** by watching and listening. They learn by copying, just like they learn their mother tongue. The child has to join in, but doesn't have to get it right. "They soon learn that they mustn't stop every time they make a mistake. They just carry on," said one Suzuki trainer. The children have to practise for hours every day and they give performances once a week, so they learn quickly. "The parents must be **involved** too," said the trainer, "or it just doesn't work."

43. Which of the following is NOT true about 24-hour teaching?

- A. Students can come to school from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 B. Students can study online at night.
 C. Students can choose the time to study.
D. Some students need to study in the morning and some need to study at night.

44. *According to Cheryl Heron, teaching*

- A. should happen throughout the night
- B.** is not necessarily carried out in class
- C. is for children who will not come to school
- D. must be around the year

45. *Steiner schools don't*

- A. encourage children's creativity and free thinking
- B. allow teachers to teach things out of textbooks
- C.** teach reading and writing to young children
- D. teach music to children

46. *Which of the following is TRUE about Steiner schools?*

- A.** They are different from traditional schools.
- B. Young children are not taught foreign languages.
- C. Students must concentrate on music.
- D. Students have to do exams and tests.

47. *Which of the following is the most suitable title for the third paragraph?*

- A. Traditional ways of teaching
- B. 24-hour teaching
- C. Learn by listening
- D.** Starting young

48. *Students learning music with Suzuki method*

- A. must learn difficult music
- B. like to learn their mother tongue
- C. stop when they make mistakes
- D.** start at an early age

49. *The word "this" in paragraph 3 refers to*

- A. starting as young as possible
- B. the violin
- C.** playing difficult pieces of music
- D. learning their mother tongue

50. *The word "involved" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to*

- A.** engaged
- B. encouraging
- C. accepting
- D. rejecting

Part VI. WRITING

Exercise 9. Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

51. *I am looking forward to seeing you.*

- A. I don't have time to see you.
- B. I will try to find some time to see you.
- C. I should find some time to see you.
- D.** I am expecting to see you.

52. *I haven't got used to Indian food although I have lived here for three months.*

- A.** I still find it strange to eat Indian food though I have lived here for three months.
- B. Eating Indian food is one of the habits when I lived in India three months ago.
- C. Because I still live in India, I find Indian food strange to eat.
- D. I have to eat Indian food to get used to eat as I have to live in India.

53. *"Don't touch the hot cooker," my mother said.*

- A. My mother promised me to touch the hot cooker.
- B.** My mother warned me not to touch the hot cooker.

C. My mother suggested me not touching the hot cooker.

D. My mother reminded me of touching the hot cooker.

Exercise 10. Choose the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

54. *Tom reviewed the lessons carefully. He could finish the test very well.*

A. Tom reviewed the lessons carefully whereas he could finish the test very well.

B. Tom reviewed the lessons carefully; therefore he could finish the test very well.

C. If Tom reviewed the lessons carefully, he could finish the test very well.

D. Although Tom reviewed the lessons carefully, he could finish the test very well.

55. *There are many things I have to do before going home. Cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you are some.*

A. If I can do anything before going home, I will do the cleaning, packing and say goodbye to you.

B. Although I want to do many things before going home, I have done cleaning, packing and said goodbye to you.

C. There are many things I have to do before going home including cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you.

D. Cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you are everything I have to do before going home.

56. *The room became hotter and hotter. I had to take off my sweater.*

A. Unless the room became hotter and hotter, I had to take off my sweater.

B. Although the room became hotter and hotter, I had to take off my sweater.

C. The room became hotter and hotter but I had to take off my sweater.

D. The room became hotter and hotter so I had to take off my sweater.

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