

# Unit 9: Choosing a career

## A. PHONETICS

**I. Choose the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.**

1. A. twice      B. flight      C. piece      D. mind
2. A. about      B. around      C. sound      D. young
3. A. cover      B. oven      C. coffee      D. company
4. A. plates      B. cakes      C. mates      D. said
5. A. laughed      B. learned      C. changed      D. arrived

**II. Choose the words that has the different stress from the others.**

1. A. geography    B. evacuate      C. emergency    D. temporary
2. A. career      B. response      C. downside      D. mature
3. A. scatter      B. earthquake    C. collapse      D. mudslide
4. A. examination    B. exciting      C. experience    D. expert
5. A. university    B. managerial    C. opportunity    D. enthusiastic

## B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

**I. Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B. You can use a word more than once.**

A. fly      get      go      look      sit      speak

B. away    by      down    on    out    round    up

1. The bus was full. We couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I've been standing for the last two hours. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ for a bit.
3. A cat tried to catch the bird, but it \_\_\_\_\_ just in time.
4. We were trapped in the building. We couldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I can't hear you very well. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ a little?
6. "Do you speak German?" - "Not very well, but I can \_\_\_\_\_."

7. The cost of living is higher now. Prices have \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
8. I thought there was somebody behind me, but when I \_\_\_\_\_, there was nobody there.

**II. Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use a noun (this newspaper,...) or a pronoun (it/ them/...) + the word in brackets (away/ up/...)**

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ throw away \_\_\_\_\_ this newspaper. I want to keep it. (away)
2. "Do you want this postcard?"
- "No, you can \_\_\_\_\_ throw it away \_\_\_\_\_. " (away)
3. I borrowed these books from the library. I have to take \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. (back)
4. We can turn \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody is watching it. (off)
5. A: How did the vase get broken?
- B: I'm afraid I knocked \_\_\_\_\_ while I was cleaning. (off)
6. Shh! My mother is asleep. I don't want to wake \_\_\_\_\_. (up)
7. It's quite cold. You should put \_\_\_\_\_ if you're going out. (on)
8. It was only a small fire. I was able to put it \_\_\_\_\_ quite easily. (out)
9. A: Is this hotel more expensive than when we stayed here last year?
- B: Yes, they've put \_\_\_\_\_. (up)
10. It's a bit dark in this room. Shall I turn \_\_\_\_\_? (on)

**III. Use the correct word in the box to complete each sentence.**

*interviewer   multimedia   options   appropriate   professional*  
*careers   attitudes   qualified   experience   university*

1. Wear clothes that are \_\_\_\_\_ for the job you want.
2. I am keen to develop my \_\_\_\_\_ skills and look forward to discussing my application with you at an interview.
3. Remember that the \_\_\_\_\_ probably has a lot of CVs to read, so keep it short and easy to read.

4. I would like to work in \_\_\_\_\_ video and audio productions, where I could be close to famous actors or singers.
5. You have to consider the things you actually enjoy doing and then research the career \_\_\_\_\_ that exist in that same area.
6. You may have to spend some time working for free in order to gain the \_\_\_\_\_ that lets toy stand out from the crowd.
7. Most secondary school students take to \_\_\_\_\_ life like a duck to water.
8. You should do a school \_\_\_\_\_ test that will give you some ideas about what you should do for a job.
9. Workplace \_\_\_\_\_ have an effect on every person in the organization, from the employees to the company owner.
10. The job application letter you send to an employer explains why you are \_\_\_\_\_ for the position and should be selected for an interview.

#### **IV. Give the correct form of the word.**

1. She enjoys reading, knitting, and other quiet \_\_\_\_\_. PURSUE
2. Business is going so well that they hired seven new \_\_\_\_\_ in their department last month. EMPLOY
3. Job \_\_\_\_\_ is the assurance that an employee has about the continuity of employment for his or her work life. SECURE
4. The way is long and we shall have to get over the \_\_\_\_\_ of it. TEDIOUS
5. There are lots of different factors that go into \_\_\_\_\_ a career path. CHOOSE
6. We hope this guide helps you to \_\_\_\_\_ a desirable career path after high school. PURSUIT
7. There are many pathways from school that can lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ career. REWARD
8. High school \_\_\_\_\_ may be deciding whether they should enter the workforce or go to college. GRADUATION

9. Get an English-speaking friend to check it for you, or you can find some useful phrases from \_\_\_\_\_ job websites. DIFFERENCE

10. Look for job \_\_\_\_\_ in the local newspaper and log on to some job websites. VACANCY

**V. Indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. I consider myself to be trustworthy, responsible and enthusiastic.

- A. worthwhile      B. talented      C. honest      D. skilled

2. The experience from an adventurous expedition to a rainforest will broaden your horizons and teach you new skills.

- A. expand your range of interests and knowledge      B. open your views  
C. widen your eyes      D. be an eye-opener

3. Lucy has just finished her A levels and she has got a place at university, but she would really like a break from the academic world. Therefore, he decides to take a gap year and travel around the world!

- A. a year off      B. a year out      C. a year away      D. a year's trip

4. Finally, Amy decided to quit her job as she couldn't stand doing the same things day in day out. It's so monotonous!

- A. easy      B. low-paid      C. tedious      D. secure

5. I am available for an interview all afternoons, except on Tuesday because I am doing a computer course to improve my typing skills.

- A. willing      B. free      C. impatient      D. longing

6. We want to recruit the brightest and the best. If you think you fit the bill, fill in an application form today.

- A. are able to pay the bill      B. are suitable  
C. are of the right size      D. are excellent

7. As he lived in a small town outside the city, he had to commute every day.

A. take a bus to work

B. drive to work

C. take a life to work

D. travel a long way to and from work

8. The atmosphere at work was so bad that Brian eventually decided to **hand in his notice**.

A. notify the boss

B. apply for another job

C. give up his job

D. be given a better job

9. My boss has a reputation for **being such a slave-driver**!

A. working overtime

B. working excessively hard

C. being slave to work

D. making his staff work too hard

10. There are excellent **prospects** for promotion, and you'll know you're doing something to benefit society.

A. opportunities

B. likelihoods

C. futures

D. potentials

**VI. Indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. You are expected to ask the **prospective** candidates a technical question to judge their ability.

A. potential

B. possible

C. aspiring

D. former

2. Though many scientific breakthroughs have resulted from **mishaps** it has taken brilliant thinkers to recognize their potential.

A. misunderstandings

B. accidents

C. incidentals

D. misfortunes

3. With many companies having to **downsize** in tough economic times, the outsourcing and contracting of freelance workers online has become common business practice.

A. take on more staff

B. lay off their employees

C. close down their branches

D. notify to break down

4. The Internet provides **an infinite pool of** buyers from around the world with whom freelancers can contract their services.

- A. quite a few                      B. many a  
C. a wide variety of              D. a limited number of

5. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a **temporary** job in the summer.

- A. part-time              B. full-time              C. permanent              D. seasonal

6. John was promoted last month for being such a **committed** worker.

- A. dishonest              B. irresponsible              C. unenthusiastic              D. unreliable

7. With so many breakthroughs in robotic science and technology, much **manual work** will soon be taken over by robots.

- A. intellectual work              B. physical work  
C. monotonous work              D. dull work

8. I'd go mad if I had to do a **dead-end** job like working on a supermarket checkout.

- A. boring              B. monotonous              C. fascinating              D. demanding

9. He's just so **flexible**. He'll adapt to any situation.

- A. adaptable              B. rigid              C. intelligent              D. autonomous

10. Most, not to say all, of the employers want to look for candidates with **punctuality**, so make sure you make a positive impression on them by showing up on time for the interview.

- A. good time management              B. ability to meet deadlines  
C. being late              D. being in time

**VII. Find the one choice that best completes the sentence.**

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ all his money, then closed the account.

- A. took out              B. took away              C. paid in              D. paid off

2. He was convicted of using the firm's money to pay \_\_\_\_ his gambling.  
A. in                      B. off                      C. back                      D. towards
3. At the meeting, someone brought \_\_\_\_ the subject pre-school education.  
A. in                      B. on                      C. up                      D. out
4. Whatever your decision, bear in mind that most people change \_\_\_\_ paths up to five times during their lifetime.  
A. occupation              B. career                      C. job                      D. vocation
5. I got on so well with my tutor \_\_\_\_ I did with my elder brother.  
A. so                      B. like                      C. as if                      D. as
6. It's taking me longer to get \_\_\_\_ the operation than I thought.  
A. through                      B. by                      C. up from                      D. over
7. For careers that truly interest you, consider asking each person if you can \_\_\_\_ him or her at work.  
A. shadow                      B. monitor                      C. follow                      D. search
8. If you're required to fill out an application form, you'll still need to \_\_\_\_ the best way to present your skills and experience.  
A. work out                      B. come up                      C. exercise                      D. make out
9. When the princess kissed the frog, it turned \_\_\_\_ a handsome prince.  
A. into                      B. up                      C. out                      D. over
10. I really like Joe's dad but I don't get \_\_\_\_ with his mother at all.  
A. out                      B. by                      C. on                      D. through
11. You shouldn't stay at home so much. Get \_\_\_\_ and make new friends.  
A. by                      B. out                      C. over                      D. away
12. A fruit that is fully-ripe is an example of a fruit that has reached \_\_\_\_.  
A. development              B. maturity                      C. mature                      D. growth
13. His teenage daughter is driving him crazy. He can't \_\_\_\_ her moods, her music, and her constant demand for money.

- A. keep up with    B. go on with    C. put up with    D. put up to
14. It'll take me three years to \_\_\_\_ up enough money to travel round the country.  
A. pay    B. take    C. put    D. save
15. As soon as she came \_\_\_\_ after the operation, she asked for a drink of water.  
A. across    B. up    C. round    D. under
16. Bary has come \_\_\_\_ some good suggestions for raising the money we need.  
A. onto    B. up with    C. round to    D. across with
17. You must walk slowly if you want the children to \_\_\_\_ with.  
A. keep up    B. go on    C. keep on    D. come up
18. LinkedIn, a social media, is a great way to \_\_\_\_ your skills and experience.  
A. highlight    B. attend    C. focus    D. respect
19. I \_\_\_\_ everything in my bag three times but my keys were nowhere to be found.  
A. went out    B. went over    C. looked for    D. looked at
20. Can you remember what to do, or do you want me to go \_\_\_\_ it again?  
A. by    B. into    C. past    D. over
21. It was the third time in six months that the bank had been held \_\_\_\_.  
A. over    B. down    C. up    D. out
22. Having that accident has brought \_\_\_\_ a complete change in his attitude to other people.  
A. in    B. about    C. up    D. out
23. The light from the car \_\_\_\_ as it receded into the distance.  
A. faded away    B. seeped out    C. rolled away    D. shone out
24. Don't take my advice if you don't want to. You can do \_\_\_\_ you like.  
A. although    B. but    C. like    D. as
25. The president has failed to \_\_\_\_ grips with the two most important social issues of our time.



- A. take                      B. take to                      C. get                      D. get to
26. It was so foggy that the climbers couldn't \_\_\_\_ out the nearby shelter.
- A. run                      B. take                      C. break                      D. make
27. They are thinking of bringing \_\_\_\_ a law to make cyclists wear helmets.
- A. on                      B. up                      C. in                      D. round
28. I take \_\_\_\_ everything I said about Paul. I realize now that it wasn't true.
- A. on                      B. over                      C. in                      D. back
29. Although I'd never made a sandwich before, my first attempt turned \_\_\_\_ quite well.
- A. over                      B. up                      C. out                      D. into
30. I always run \_\_\_\_ of money before the end of the month.
- A. out                      B. back                      C. up                      D. down

### C. READING

#### I. Choose the right word to fill in the blank.

*force                      develop                      aspects                      potential                      expenses*  
*relationships                      beneficial                      direction                      responsibilities                      outweigh*

If college isn't your option or you need extra time to earn money for tuition, going straight into the work (1) \_\_\_\_\_ offers many choices and benefits. Getting a job immediately after high school remains a good choice. Teens who go this route need to learn how to search for employment, write a resume, and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ interviewing skills.

Many companies pay their employees for continuing education in areas related to their employment. You should ask about this benefit through the human resources departments of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ employers.

Another option is an internship. Over the course of a year, you could potentially participate in two or three internships to explore career choices. But

most internships are unpaid, so planning ahead is crucial if you need to save money for living (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Internships provide participants with the opportunity to learn about many (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of a particular career. They're also a great way to take contacts and develop mentoring (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

For some teens, taking a year off between high school and the "real world" can be (7) \_\_\_\_\_. This can be a good time to travel, do community service, or even live in a foreign country before the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of life make it harder to do so.

However, teens should keep in mind that a brochure may look different from reality, such as with work and service camps in developing countries. They should expect difficulties but know that the rewards of community service often (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the hardships - and can actually change the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of a person's life. Speaking with previous participants should give a more realistic view than promotional material.

## **II. Read the passage and choose the best answer.**

It can take a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however talented you are. One thing you have to be (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you've made up your (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the negative criticism of others prevent you from reaching your target, and let the constructive criticism have a positive effect on your work. If someone says you're totally in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If (6) \_\_\_\_\_, someone advises you to revise your work and gives you a good reason for doing so, you should consider their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars (7) \_\_\_\_\_ were once out of work. There are many famous novelists who made a complete mess of their first novel - or who didn't, but had to keep on approaching hundreds of publishers

before they could get it (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Being successful does depend on luck, to a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ extent. But things are more likely to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ well if you persevere and stay positive.

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| 1. A. alert       | B. clever        | C. intelligent | D. aware      |
| 2. A. overflowing | B. full          | C. packed      | D. filled     |
| 3. A. idea        | B. brain         | C. thought     | D. mind       |
| 4. A. don't let   | B. shouldn't let | C. won't let   | D. didn't let |
| 5. A. absentee    | B. shortage      | C. missing     | D. lack       |
| 6. A. hence       | B. however       | C. whereas     | D. otherwise  |
| 7. A. which       | B. whom          | C. they        | D. who        |
| 8. A. publish     | B. to publish    | C. published   | D. publishes  |
| 9. A. plenty      | B. numerous      | C. definite    | D. certain    |
| 10. A. turn out   | B. sail through  | C. come into   | D. deal with  |

## D. WRITING

**I. Rewrite the following sentences so that the second ones have the same meaning as the given sentence.**

1. There was no precedent for his falling out with his parents.

Never .....

2. In spite of all the hardships in life, she managed to raise five children on her own.

Although .....

3. Had it not been for your generosity, we couldn't have pulled off the event.

But for .....

4. "I knew you were trouble all along, yet I couldn't resist loving you." said Lana to her boyfriend.

Lana told .....

5. "Why not going to the cinema instead of that boring park?" he said.

He suggested .....

6. Angelina Jolie is the talented actress I admire the most.

There .....

7. Sarah was totally devoted to her geographical project and took no notice of her friends.

Sarah dedicated .....

8. Tommy's really handsome but I wouldn't love him.

Handsome .....

**II. Rewrite the following sentences so that the second ones have the same meaning as the given sentence.**

1. "Are you going out tonight or not?" asked her dad.

Her dad .....

2. You must have this fridge fixed, some water is leaking out of it.

This fridge needs .....

3. Although Lana was disabled, she could do almost anything.

Despite .....

4. "I'm sorry that I couldn't come to your graduation party." said Randall's mother.

Randall's mother apologized .....

5. After graduating from high school, John continued to study at the local university.

John went on .....

6. I've never read a novel before.

This .....

7. Your room is not only smelly but also messy with so many discarded things.

Your room is both .....

8. I would help mom with making traditional sticky-rice cakes when I was still at home.

I used to .....

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### **A. PHONETICS**

**I. Choose the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.**

1.C	2.D	3.C	4.D	5.A
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**II. Choose the words that has the different stress from the others.**

1.D	2.C	3.C	4.A	5.D
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### **B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR**

**I. Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B. You can use a word more than once.**

1. get on	2. sit down	3. flew away	4. get out
5. speak up	6. get by	7. gone up	8. looked round

**II. Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use a noun (this newspaper,...) or a pronoun (it/ them/...) + the word in brackets (away/ up/...)**

1. throw away	6. her up
2. throw it away	7. your coat on
3. them back	8. out
4. the television off	9. the price up
5. it over	10. the light on

**III. Use the correct word in the box to complete each sentence.**

1. appropriate	2. professional	3. interviewer	4. multimedia	5. options
6. experience	7. university	8. careers	9. attitudes	10. qualified

**IV. Give the correct form of the word.**

1. pursuits	2. employees	3. security	4. tediousness	5. choosing
6. pursue	7. rewarding	8. graduates	9. different	10. vacancies

**V. Indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

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

**VI. Indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

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

**VII. Find the one choice that best completes the sentence.**

1.A	2.B	3.C	4.B	5.D
6.D	7.A	8.A	9.A	10.C
11.B	12.B	13.C	14.D	15.C
16.B	17.A	18.A	19.B	20.D
21.C	22.B	23.A	24.D	25.D
26.D	27.C	28.D	29.C	30.A

**C. READING**

**I. Choose the right word to fill in the blank.**

1. force	2. develop	3. potential	4. expenses	5. aspects
6. relationships	7. beneficial	8. responsibilities	9. outweigh	10. direction

**II. Read the passage and choose the best answer.**

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

**D. WRITING**

**I. Rewrite the following sentences so that the second ones have the same meaning as the given sentence.**

1. Never before had he fallen out with his parents.
2. Although it was hard, she managed to raise five children on her own.
3. But for your generosity, we couldn't have pulled off the event.
4. Lana told her boyfriend that she had known he was trouble all along, yet she couldn't resist loving him.
5. He suggested going to the cinema instead of that/ the boring park.
6. There is no talented actress I admire more than Angelina Jolie.
7. Sarah dedicated herself to her geographical project and took no notice of her friends.
8. Handsome as Tommy is/ may be, I wouldn't love him.

**II. Rewrite the following sentences so that the second ones have the same meaning as the given sentence.**

1. Her dad asked her whether she was going out that night (or not).
2. This fridge needs fixing, some water is leaking out of it.
3. Despite her disability, Lana could do almost anything.
4. Randall's mother apologized to her for not coming to her graduation party.
5. John went on to study at the local university after graduating from high school.
6. This is the first time I've (ever) read a novel.
7. Your room is both smelly and messy with so many discarded things.
8. I used to help mom with making traditional sticky-rice cakes when I was still at home.