

Unit 1: Life stories

A. PHONETICS

I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1. A. accident B. jazz C. stamps D. wach
2. A. this B. thick C. maths D. thin
3. A gas B. gain C. germ D. goods
4. A. bought B. nought C. plough D. thought
5. A. spear B. gear C. fear D. pear

II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. remember B. influence C. expression D. convenient
2. A. medium B. computer C. formation D. connection
3. A. national B. cultural C. popular D. musician
4. A. successful B. humorous C. arrangement D. attractive
5. A. construction B. typical C. glorious D. purposeful

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Choose the correct words in the box to complete the sentences.

widely *related* *master* *inequality*
movement *accomplished* *pioneer* *increasingly*

1. Hughes is one of the most _____ writers in American 20 literary history?
2. Albert Einstein was essentially all _____ to science meanwhile Leonardo Da Vinci was a _____ at art, architecture, invention, and several other areas.
3. Han Mac Tu was part of the new poetic _____ in Vietnam at the beginning of the 20th century.
4. Han Mac Tu is considered a _____ of romantic poetry in Vietnam.
5. During his time at University, Nelson Mandela became _____ aware of the racial _____ and injustice faced by non-white people.
6. Steve Jobs is _____ recognized as a pioneer in the field of microcomputer revolution.

II. Give the correct form of the words in the following sentences.

1. He was the most _____ football player that our school had produced in years. His talent for football was great. TALENT
2. Do you know Professor Phan Huy Le whose great _____ was his books on the history of Vietnam in the 19th century? ACHIEVE
3. He wishes to straighten up and lead a _____ life. RESPECT
4. His career as a journalist was full of _____ achievements. He was a respected and admired journalist. DISTINGUISH
5. To be successful takes hard work and _____. DEDICATE
6. Doing things with _____ will give us true happiness. The more we give away, the happier we are. GENEROUS
7. Tran Hung Dao was a great _____ to lure the enemy to enter deeply into his land, then attacked to destroy them. STRATEGY
8. Mother Teresa was a living saint who offered a great example and _____ to the world. INSPIRE
9. Zuckerberg was forced to shut his website down, but its immense _____ and controversy had made him consider its future potential. POPULAR
10. As the principal founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates is one of the most _____ and richest people on the planet. INFLUENCE
11. If Presley was considered a _____ and a rebellious figure, it just made him more popular with young listeners. CONTROVERSY
12. Stephen William Hawking got more _____ for his research and discoveries through his print and TV interviews. RECOGNIZE

III. Indicate the correct answer to complete each of the following questions.

1. At his first school, Mark Zuckerberg _____ in all subjects and worked hard throughout his classes.

A. interested B. excelled C. engrossed D. involved

2. His incredible performance during high school ____ him admission to Harvard University.

A. earned B. attained C. resorted D. applied

3. Mother Teresa suffered various health problems, but nothing could ____ her from fulfilling her mission of serving the poor and needy.

A. persuade B. warn C. appoint D. dissuade

4. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the ____ to overcome poverty and distress.

A. battle B. struggle C. movement D. proposal

5. At the age of 18, Mother Teresa was ____ permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland.

A. required B. sought C. obtained D. given

6. Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his work in helping to end racial ____ in South Africa

A. integration B. segregation C. achievement D. exploitation

7. Princess Diana fought for her children on any level so they could reach their full ____ as human beings and in their public duties.

A. requirement B. condition C. capacity D. potential

8. Meeting my favorite celebrity at the airport was certainly a ____ of luck that wouldn't have happened if I'd arrived five minutes later.

A. number B. piece C. stroke D. name

9. Steve Jobs might hardly imagine that only a year later the company _____ impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful ____ personal computer.

A. attain / massly-produced B. see / mass-produced
C. taste / massive produced D. achieve / mass-producing

10. Ms. May, 59 years old, is the country's longest-serving home secretary in half a century, with a ____ for seriousness, hard work and above all, determination.

A. fame B. reputation C. achievement D. maintenance

11. Theresa May is one of a growing number of women in traditionally ____ British politics rising to the upper position of leadership.

A. male-dominated B. man-domination
C. male-dominating D. man-dominatedly

12. Marilyn Monroe is widely ____ as one of most influential figures in American culture.

A. classified B. depicted C. admired D. regarded

13. May's sports hero was Geoffrey Boycott, a solid, stubborn cricketer who ____ in playing the long game.

A. qualified B. specialized C. engrossed D. indulged

14. Like many other Britain's prime ministers, May ____ a place at Oxford.

A. admitted B. permitted C. won D. constituted

15. She has been quite critical ____ the media focusing on her fashion instead of her achievement as a politician.

A. with B. for C. of D. in

16. Marilyn Monroe was ____ for Golden Globe Best Actress Award for *Bus Stop* (1956).

A. offered B. nominated C. awarded D. rewarded

17. Marilyn Monroe ____ to a heavy drug use, which had a damaging impact ____ both her mental and physical health.

A. resorted - on B. abused - in
C. overexploited - to D. related - for

18. Their family were wealthy but they encouraged their children to work hard and take nothing ____.

A. for sure B. for good C. for granted D. for charge

19. When Bill Gates saw an opportunity to found his own company, he dropped ____ Harvard without finishing his course.

A. into B. by C. around D. out of

20. Despite the pervasive press intrusions into her private life, Princess Diana remained very popular because people could identify ____ her.

A. in B. for C. with D. as

21. Elvis was ____ shy and as a youngster was not keen on performing in public.

A. relatively B. respectively C. virtually D. almost

22. As a teenager, he was uninterested in school - but became ____ in music, listening to a huge ____ of contemporary American music.

A. bored - amount B. reluctant - diversity
C. reckless - type D. absorbed - range

23. Elvis Presley was ____ for the idea that rock 'n' roll music was having a negative effect on American teenagers.

A. accused B. convicted C. criticized D. charged

24. If Presley was considered a controversial and a rebellious ____, it just made him more popular with young listeners.

A. creator B. figure C. character D. celebration

25. Darwin was ____ a place on the HMS Beagle to act as a natural scientist on a voyage to the coast of South America.

A. won B. gained C. offered D. admitted

26. Influenced by the work of Malthus, Darwin came ____ a theory of natural selection and gradual evolution over time.

A. off B. into C. out D. up with

27. In the struggle for survival, the fittest win out at the ____ of their rivals because they succeed in adapting themselves best ____ their environment

- A. expense - to B. cost - for C. expenditure - of D. stake - to
28. Van Gogh played a ____ role in the development of modern art.
A. worthless B. valueless C. key D. minor
29. Van Gogh was ____ to a lunatic asylum where he would spend time on and off until his death in 1890.
A. related B. referred C. adapted D. committed
30. Oprah Winfrey has played a key role in modern American life, shaping cultural ____ and promoting various liberal causes.
A. values B. trends C. potentials D. prosperity

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

1. His early death only cemented his legendary status, and Elvis Presley has become deeply ingrained in popular culture.
A. engrossed B. indulged C. deep-rooted D. supreme
2. A distinctive feature of Trump's business and real estate ventures has been the prominent use of his own name.
A. characteristic B. general C. common D. superficial
3. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world.
A. committed B. dedicated C. committed D. attended
4. Marilyn Monroe has become an iconic representative of fame and female beauty.
A. figure B. image C. typical D. idol
5. Marilyn Monroe was an epitome of sensuality, beauty and effervescence and was naturally photogenic.
A. frame B. indicator C. instructor D. figure

6. Despite the media often being dismissive of Monroe's potential, her efforts to improve acting **paid off**.

A. failed B. broke down C. managed D. met with success

7. Margaret Thatcher was known for her tough **uncompromising** conservative political views, and became dubbed as 'The Iron Lady'.

A. reserved B. inflexible C. narrow-minded D. compatible

8. He is commonly referred to as the "The King of Rock 'n' Roll" and **epitomizes** the post-war pop generation

A. be representative of B. leads C. elaborates D. expands on

9. Leonardo da Vinci created rare **masterpieces** of art such as 'The Mona Lisa' and 'The Last Supper'.

A. worthless works of art B. invaluable property
C. excellent qualifications D. excellent works of art

10. Da Vinci studied all aspects of life and his **far-reaching** investigations and discoveries sought to show an underlying unity of the universe.

A. insignificant B. finite C. extensive D. excessive

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

1. Da Vinci from an early age began to display his **remarkable** academic and artistic talents.

A. striking B. extraordinary C. run-of-the-mill D. exceptional

2. Joachim Lafosse confirms his **exceptional** talent with "Free Student", a film that is more conventional in its form.

A. out of the ordinary B. abnormal C. usual D. odd

3. Van Gogh became one of the most **celebrated** artists of the twentieth century.

A. admired B. honored C. acclaimed D. obscure

4. Michael **stood out** for his exceptional enthusiasm and soft, infectious musical voice.

- A. attract attention B. be inconspicuous
C. be conspicuous D. stick out a mile

5. In recent years, Madonna has continued to tour, release albums and **engage in** humanitarian work.

- A. throw oneself into B. become uninvolved in
C. have a hand in D. take part in

6. Henry VIII was equally **notorious** for his six marriages and several scandalous love affairs.

- A. anonymous B. infamous C. celebrated D. ill-famed

7. The works Da Vinci did finish were often **spectacular** masterpieces, such as his paintings The Last Supper and The Mona Lisa.

- A. magnificent B. out of this world
C. unimpressive D. remarkable

8. The death of Diana princess had a **profound** impact on the British public and those in other countries.

- A. far-reaching B. superficial C. deep-seated D. heartfelt

VI. Put the verb in the past simple tense or the past continuous.

1. When I (arrive) _____ at this house, he still (sleep) _____.
2. The light (go) _____ out while we (have) _____ dinner.
3. Bill (have) _____ breakfast when I (stop) _____ at this house this morning.
4. She (wash) _____ up when Tam (arrive) _____ at this house.
5. As we (cross) _____ the Street, we (see) _____ an accident.
6. Tom (see) _____ a serious accident while he (stand) _____ at the bus stop.
7. The children (play) _____ football when their mother (come) _____ back home.
8. The bell (ring) _____ while Tom (take) _____ a bath.

9. He (sit) _____ in a car when I (see) _____ him.

10. We (clean) _____ the house when she (come) _____ yesterday.

VII. Add "A/ AN/ THE/ X" to each of the following sentences.

1. He made his first attempt to engage in sporting activities four years ago with _____ support of his family.

2. He was _____ most talented football player that our school had produced in years. His talent for _____ football was great.

3. He did _____ Black Mountain hike with his friends, but had to check his blood glucose levels every four hours.

4. Do you know Professor Phan Huy Le whose great achievement was his books on _____ history of Viet Nam in _____ 19th century?

5. _____ following year, he took part in Melbourne Sunset run to raise funds for _____ orphanage.

6. He wishes to straighten up and lead _____ respectable life. He would like to be socially acceptable due to his good behavior.

7. He had to brake hard to avoid hitting _____ truck in front.

8. Doing things with generosity will give us _____ true happiness.
_____ more we give away, _____ happier we are.

9. His career as _____ journalist was full of distinguished achievements. He was _____ respected and admired journalist.

10. Five years ago, when Edward was 35 years old, he was diagnosed with _____ diabetes.

VIII. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1. She has read _____ interesting book.

- A. a B. an C. the D. X

2. You'll get _____ shock if you touch _____ live wire with that screwdriver.

- A. an/ the B. x/ the C. a/ a D. an/ the

3. Mr. Smith is ____ old customer and ____ honest man.
A. An/ the B. the/ an C. an/ an D. the/ the
4. I first met her four years ago when we ____ at a middle school.
A. had been studying B. are studying
C. have been studying D. were studying
5. This school has an excellent ____ in the community.
A. image B. reputation C. name D. opinion
6. ____ youngest boy has just started going to ____ school.
A. a/ x B. x/ the C. an/ x D. the/ x
7. Do you go to ____ prison to visit him?
A. the B. a C. x D. an
8. The boys broke a window when they ____ football.
A. played B. were playing C. half played D. are playing
9. In spite of having a peasant ____, Nguyen Hue had proved that he was really an excellent general, only gained victories.
A. situation B. experience C. condition D. background
10. As well as being a successful actor, Clint Eastwood is a ____ film director.
A. talent B. talented C. distinguish D. respectful
11. I ____ about him when suddenly he came in.
A. talk B. talked C. am talking D. was talking
12. At first, Microsoft had ____ hyphen in the name "Micro-soft", ____ combination of microcomputer and ____ software.
A. a - the - a B. a - a - X C. the - the - X D. X - a - the
13. Le Loi used the ____ war, moving from little to large scale.
A. mid-term B. short-term C. long-term D. half term
14. Last night at this time, they ____ the same thing. She ____ and he ____ the newspaper.

- A. are doing/ is cooking/ is reading
- B. were doing/ was cooking/ was reading
- C. was doing/ has cooked/ is reading
- D. had done/ was cooking/ read

15. When Carol _____ last night, I _____ my favorite show on television.

- A. was calling/ watched
- B. called/ have watched
- C. called/ was watching
- D. had called/ watched

IX. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that needs correction.

1. The shortage of cooking gas in North Korea raised prices: an example of how the law of supply and demand also apply to planned economies.

- A. The shortage of
- B. raised
- C. an example of
- D. apply

2. In the latter half of the nineteenth century, physical techniques making it possible to determine the chemical constitution of stars.

- A. latter half
- B. making it
- C. to determine
- D. of stars

3. In 1997, molecular biologist L. Mark Lagrimini of Ohio State University cloned the gene in that codes for a type of peroxidase found in tobacco plants.

- A. In
- B. in that
- C. a type of
- D. found

4. Alpine Saintenards are too good at following the scent of humans, even in snow, that they are used by ski patrols as rescue dogs.

- A. too
- B. following
- C. used
- D. as

5. Booker T. Washington, head of the first industrial school for African Americans, was as popular with Southerners than he was with Northerners.

- A. first industrial
- B. was
- C. popular with
- D. than he

X. Indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. "How do you like your steak done?" – "_____."

- A. I don't like it
- B. Very little
- C. Well done
- D. Very much

2. "Oops! I'm sorry for stepping on your foot" – "_____."

- A. Never mind B. You don't mind
C. You're welcome D. That's fine
3. Anne: "Fancy a bite to eat?" - Barbara: "____"
- A. No thanks, I've just had some.
B. No thanks, I've just had something.
C. No thanks, I'm not nearly very thirsty.
D. No thanks, I'm trying to give up.
4. Receptionist: "Good morning." - Chris: "Good morning. I've come to ____ Mrs. Dabria."
- A. see B. visit C. do business with D. hold a talk with
5. Ann and Mary are studying in their classroom.
- Ann: "Can I borrow your dictionary?" - Mary: "____"
- A. I'm afraid I can't B. Here you are!
C. I think so. D. It doesn't matter.
6. Jack and Joe are discussing how to make salad for dinner.
- Jack: "____" - Joe: "How about putting some grapes in it, instead?"
- A. We could fry some onions with it too.
B. I'd rather just have some bread, thanks.
C. Let's put some pieces of apple in the salad.
D. Good idea! I'll go and make one.
7. - Would you mind lending me your bike?" - "____."
- A. Yes. Here it is B. Not at all C. Great D. Yes, let's
8. Havy: "Thanks for your help, Judy." - Judy: "____."
- A. With all my heart B. Never remind me
C. It's my pleasure D. Wish you

C. READING

I. Choose the word or phrase from the box that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

milestones prolific like won funded
breakthroughs making revolutionary

Elon Musk is one of the greatest and most (1) _____ modern inventors and is responsible for monumental advancements in futuristic technology (2) _____ renewable energy and space travel. Many of his innovations seem to be right out of a science-fiction movie, but throughout his career he has brought about huge scientific (3) _____. After (4) _____ his first fortune from the internet payment service 'PayPal', he invested \$100 million in his space travel company, 'SpaceX' and began building satellites, launch vehicles and other spacecraft both for NASA and for his own company, creating new (5) _____ with his privately (6) _____ spacecraft. Many of his (7) _____ ideas and inventions focus on space travel, renewable energy, commercial electric cars and other technologies, that look to a future where fossil fuels and other resources may be in shorter supply. His futuristic and visionary ideas have (8) _____ him both scientific and philanthropic recognition and awards.

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Gia Long was the first emperor of the Nguyen dynasty as well as the (1) _____ father of the modern nation of Vietnam. Born as Nguyen Phuc Anh, he was the nephew of the last Nguyen lord who ruled over southern Vietnam. (2) _____ being born into a royal family, he had to (3) _____ many difficulties in his early life as he became the (4) _____ of rival groups who attempted to (5) _____ the Nguyen clan completely. After the deaths of his father and uncle at the hands of the rival leaders, Nguyen Phuc Anh fled to the southern coastal tip of Vietnam where (6) _____ he met a French priest, Pigneau de Behaine, who would (7) _____ become his

trusted adviser and play a major role in his (8) ____ to power. He escaped with the help of the priest and later on sought aid from the French in his struggle (9) ____ his rivals. (10) ____ the help of the French, and equipped with (11) ____ European armaments, he was (12) ____ in securing victories over his rivals.

1. A. found B. founded C. founding D. founder
2. A. Because of B. In view of C. Despite of D. In spite of
3. A. encounter B. face up C. manage D. get by
4. A. shield B. target C. purpose D. destination
5. A. wipe off B. wipe out C. kill up D. destroy
6. A. by chance B. on occasion C. on purpose D. at stake
7. A. at last B. especially C. specially D. eventually
8. A. raise B. arise C. rise D. rising
9. A. for B. against C. off D. at
10. A. With B. Without C. But for D. Thanks
11. A. advance B. advances C. advanced D. advancing
12. A. engaged B. involved C. successful D. attended

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A. PHONETICS

I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1.D	2.A	3.C	4.C	5.D
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II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

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

I. Choose the correct words in the box to complete the sentences.

1. accomplished	4. pioneer
2. related; master	5. increasingly; inequality
3. movement	6. widely

II. Give the correct form of the words in the following sentences.

1. talented	5. dedication	9. popularity
2. achievement	6. generosity	10. influential
3. respectable	7. strategist	11. controversial
4. distinguished	8. inspiration	12. recognition

III. Indicate the correct answer to complete each of the following questions.

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

IV. 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.A	5.D
6.D	7.B	8.A	9.D	10.C

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

1.C	2.C	3.D	4.B
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5.B	6.A	7.C	8.B
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VI. Put the verb in the past simple tense or the past continuous.

1. When I (arrive) **__arrived__** at this house, he still (sleep) **__was still sleeping__**.
2. The light (go) **__went__** out while we (have) **__were having__** dinner.
3. Bill (have) **__was having__** breakfast when I (stop) **__stopped__** at this house this morning.
4. She (wash) **__was washing__** up when Tam (arrive) **__arrived__** at this house.
5. As we (cross) **__were crossing__** the Street, we (see) **__saw__** an accident.
6. Tom (see) **__saw__** a serious accident while he (stand) **__was standing__** at the bus stop.
7. The children (play) **__were playing__** football when their mother (come) **__came__** back home.
8. The bell (ring) **__rang__** while Tom (take) **__was taking__** a bath.
9. He (sit) **__was sitting__** in a car when I (see) **__saw__** him.
10. We (clean) **__were cleaning__** the house when she (come) **__came__** yesterday.

VII. Add "A/ AN/ THE/ X" to each of the following sentences.

1. He made his first attempt to engage in sporting activities four years ago with **__the__** support of his family.
2. He was **__the__** most talented football player that our school had produced in years. His talent for **__x__** football was great.
3. He did **__the__** Black Mountain hike with his friends, but had to check his blood glucose levels every four hours.
4. Do you know Professor Phan Huy Le whose great achievement was his books on **__the__** history of Viet Nam in **__the__** 19th century?

5. ___ **the** ___ following year, he took part in ___ **the** ___ Melbourne Sunset run to raise funds for ___ **an** ___ orphanage.
6. He wishes to straighten up and lead ___ **a** ___ respectable life. He would like to be socially acceptable due to his good behavior.
7. He had to brake hard to avoid hitting ___ **the** ___ truck in front.
8. Doing things with generosity will give us ___ **x** ___ true happiness. ___ **the** ___ more we give away, ___ **the** ___ happier we are.
9. His career as ___ **a** ___ journalist was full of distinguished achievements. He was ___ **a** ___ respected and admired journalist.
10. Five years ago, when Edward was 35 years old, he was diagnosed with ___ **x** ___ diabetes.

VIII. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1.B	2.C	3.C	4.D	5.B
6.D	7.A	8.B	9.D	10.B
11.D	12.B	13.C	14.B	15.B

IX. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that needs correction.

1.D	2.B	3.B	4.A	5.D
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X. Indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

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

C. READING

I. Choose the word or phrase from the box that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

1. prolific	2. like	3. breakthroughs	4. making
5. milestones	6. funded	7. revolutionary	8. won

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

1.C	2.D	3.A	4.B	5.B	6.A
7.D	8.C	9.B	10.A	11.C	12.C