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UNIT 1. LIFE STORIES
VOCABULARY AND READING

I. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words from the box.

talent	persevere	repute	generous	distinguish
figure	dedicate	inspiration	fame	influence

1. The world would be a better place if more people showed _____ to others.
2. Our _____ guests have just arrived. Let's welcome them with a big round of applause.
3. Winston Churchill was one of the most dominant _____ in British politics.
4. Michael Jackson was very talented and _____.
5. Christine Ha was _____ by memories of her mum's cooking.
6. My dream is to become a _____ chef, who is known all over the world.
7. His tireless _____ to protect endangered animals was greatly admired.
8. Hard work and _____ help tennis players to succeed in their sporting career.
9. It's not easy to build a good _____, but it's even more difficult to protect it.
10. The company is looking for _____ graduates from fashion colleges, who are willing to work hard.

II. Choose the underlined part that differs from the other three in pronunciation in each question.

1. A. diagnose B. achievement C. talented D. anonymous
2. A. prosthetic B. reputation C. dedication D. respectable
3. A. distinguished B. result C. generosity D. respectable
4. A. perseverance B. generosity C. talented D. judgment
5. A. congestion B. ambition C. influential D. reputation

III. Choose the word whose stress is different from the others.

1. A. celebrity B. charitable C. anonymous D. respectable
2. A. overcome B. incident C. dedicate D. currently
3. A. perseverance B. experience C. dedication D. influential
4. A. generosity B. hospitality C. encyclopedia D. creativity
5. A. perseverance B. unemployment C. presentation D. instrument

IV. Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions

1. Her _____ to medicine was so great that she had little time for anything else.
A. importance B. dedication C. emphasis D. reputation
2. Tran Hung Dao was a great _____ to lure the enemy.
A. strategy B. strategist C. soldier D. king
3. Bill Gates' _____ in donating large sums of money towards welfare activities is remarkable
A. generosity B. politeness C. wealth D. talent
4. This school has an excellent _____ in the community.

- A. image B. reputation C. name D. opinion
5. He seems like a _____ businessman, but he caused some personal scandals.
A. respecting B. respectful C. respectably D. respectable
6. As well as being a successful actor, Clint Eastwood is a _____ film director.
A. talent B. talented C. distinguish D. respectful
7. Bill Gates was _____ middle child of William H. Gates II, _____ prominent lawyer, and Mary Gates, who works as _____ teacher before she had children.
A. the - a - a B. a - a - a C. the- the- a D. the- the- the
8. She came into the room while they _____ television
A. have watched B. watched C. have been watching D. were watching
- 9 I am so happy to hear from Mary because I haven't seen her _____ last year.
A. for B. on C. since D. later
10. _____ youngest boy has just started going to _____ school.
A. the/ x B. a/ x C. x/ the D. an/ x

V. Read the passage and choose the best answer:

Different cultures follow their own special customs when a child's baby teeth fall out. In Korea, for example, they have the custom of throwing lost teeth up on the roof of a house. According to tradition, a magpie will come and take the tooth. Later, the magpie will return with a new tooth for the child. In other Asian countries, such as Japan and Vietnam, children follow a similar tradition of throwing **their** lost teeth onto the roofs of houses.

Birds aren't the only animals thought to take lost teeth. In Mexico and Spain, tradition says a mouse takes a lost tooth and leaves some money. However, in Mongolia, dogs are responsible for taking teeth away. Dogs are highly respected in Mongolian culture and are considered guardian angels of the people. Tradition says that the new tooth will grow good and strong if the baby tooth is fed to a guardian angel. Accordingly, parents in Mongolia will put their child's lost tooth in a piece of meat and feed it to a dog.

The idea of giving lost teeth to an angel or fairy is also a tradition in the West. Many children in Western countries count on the Tooth Fairy to leave money or presents in exchange for a tooth. The exact **origins** of the Tooth Fairy are a mystery, although the story probably began in England or Ireland centuries ago. According to tradition, a child puts a lost tooth under his or her pillow before going to bed. In **the wee hours**, while the child is sleeping, the Tooth Fairy takes the tooth and leaves something else under the pillow. In France, the Tooth Fairy leaves a small gift. In the United States, however, the Tooth Fairy usually leaves money. These days, the rate is \$1 to \$5 per tooth, adding up to a lot of money from the Tooth Fairy!

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- What is the passage mainly about?
A. Traditions concerning children's lost teeth B. Presents for young children's lost teeth
C. Animals eating children's lost teeth D. Customs concerning children's new teeth
- The word "**their**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
A. houses' B. roofs' C. children's D. countries'
- According to the passage, where is a child's lost tooth thought to be taken away by a mouse?
A. In Mexico and Spain B. In Mongolia

C. In Japan and Vietnam

D. In Korea

4. According to paragraph 2, parents in Mongolia feed their child's lost tooth to a dog because ____.

A. they know that dogs are very responsible animals

B. they believe that this will make their child's new tooth good and strong

C. they think dogs like eating children's teeth

D. they hope that their child will get some gifts for his or her tooth

5. The word "**origins**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

A. countries

B. families

C. beginnings

D. stories

6. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about the tradition of tooth giving in the West?

A. Children give money to the Tooth Fairy.

B. Children put their lost teeth under their pillows.

C. Children hope to get money or gifts from the Tooth Fairy.

D. Lost teeth are traditionally given to an angel or fairy.

7. The phrase "**the wee hours**" in paragraph 3 probably refers to the period of time

A. early in the evening

B. soon after midnight

C. late in the morning

D. long before bedtime

VI. Read the test and choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, D) that best fits each space

Henry Ford was born (1) _____ a farm in Michigan in 1863 but he did not like farming. When he was fifteen he began work as a mechanic and in 1893 he built his first car. After he (2) _____ driven it 1,500 kilometres, he sold it and built two bigger cars. Then, in 1903, he started the Ford Motor Company. By (3) _____ strong but light steel, he built cheap cars for (4) _____ people to buy. In 1908, he built the first Ford Model "T", (5) _____ was sold for \$825. He was soon selling 100 cars a day. By 1927, the Ford Motor Company was (6) _____ \$ 700 million. Early Ford cars were simple and cheap, but (7) _____ things simple sometimes meant less choice. "You (8) _____ to have any colour you like," said Henry Ford of the Model T, "as long as it's black."

1. A. to

B. on

C. of

D. out

2. A. had

B. was

C. is

D. has

3. A. putting

B. using

C. managing

D. operating

4. A. ordinary

B. typical

C. usual

D. general

5. A. where

B. what

C. who

D. which

6. A. rich

B. dear

C. worth

D. expensive

7. A. staying

B. keeping

C. holding

D. remaining

8. A. ought

B. need

C. will

D. can