

Exercises on Vocabulary and Reading

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

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| 1. A. <u>none</u> | B. <u>phone</u> | C. <u>stone</u> | D. <u>zone</u> |
| 2. A. <u>beard</u> | B. <u>hear</u> | C. <u>rear</u> | D. <u>swear</u> |
| 3. A. <u>ancient</u> | B. <u>educate</u> | C. <u>stranger</u> | D. <u>transfer</u> |
| 4. A. <u>account</u> | B. <u>astound</u> | C. <u>country</u> | D. <u>mounting</u> |

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

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| 1. A. drawback | B. greenhouse | C. mindset | D. overload |
| 2. A. emigrate | B. immigrate | C. advocate | D. inhabit |
| 3. A. confide | B. comfort | C. inflate | D. severe |
| 4. A. biology | B. environment | C. geography | D. scientific |
| 5. A. estimate | B. prestigious | C. proportion | D. urbanity |

Exercise 3. Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- Many of the immigrants have intermarried with the island's original inhabitants.
A. foreigners B. landlord C. newcomers D. dwellers
- She's a down-to-earth woman with no pretensions.
A. ambitious B. creative C. idealistic D. practical
- It is crucial that urban people not look down on rural areas.
A. evil B. optional C. unnecessary D. vital
- Her style of dress was conservative. She never wears items that are too tight, short or low-cut.
A. high-fashion B. traditional C. trendy D. up to date
- She was brought up in the slums of Leeds.
A. downtown area B. industrial area C. poor area D. rural area
- The Freephone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf.
A. in the same country B. in the same family C. in the same office D. in the same school
- The promise of jobs and prosperity pulls people to cities.
A. education B. employment C. stabilization D. wealth
- With so many daily design resources, how do you stay up-to-date with technology without spending too much time on it?
A. connect to Internet all day B. update new status
C. get latest information D. use social network daily
- Online Business School also offers interest free student loans to UK students.
A. no extra fee B. no limited time C. no repayment D. no interest payments
- Many illnesses in refugee camps are the result of inadequate sanitation.
A. cleanliness B. dirtiness C. pollution D. uncleanliness
- There has been a hot debate among the scientists relating to the pros and cons of using robotic probes to study distant objects in space.
A. problems and solutions B. advantages and disadvantages
C. solutions and limitations D. causes and effects

Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- Unemployment is a massive problem for the government at the moment.
A. main B. major C. minor D. primary
- Urbanization is the shift of people from rural to urban areas, and the result is the growth of cities.
A. maintenance B. movement C. transposition D. variation
- This restaurant was highly recommended for good service, delicious food and kind-hearted boss.
A. ambitious and greedy B. attentive and helpful C. generous and gracious D. polite and friendly
- Since 1979, ULI has honored outstanding development projects in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors with the ULI Global Awards for Excellence program, which today is widely recognized as the development community's most prestigious awards program.
A. important B. notable C. ordinary D. respected

5. Many people move to urban areas seeking for job opportunity as well as stable employment.
 A. durable B. long-lasting C. steady D. temporary

Exercise 5. Choose the best option.

1. Each child had to ____ a short speech to the rest of the class.
 A. do B. carry out C. make D. take
2. Although it was more than an hour late, the superstar finally showed up and ____ the attention of the audience.
 A. grabbed B. held C. paid D. took
3. Has the interviewer ____ the date? Yes, it's on next Monday.
 A. amend B. fixed C. moved D. revised
4. Don't worry. We're in good time; there's ____ to hurry.
 A. impossible B. no need C. no purpose D. unnecessary
5. Overpopulation in urban areas tends to create unfavourable conditions, which may result in ____ of food in developing countries.
 A. damages B. failures C. shortages D. supplies
6. He wasn't able to ____ with the stresses and strains of the job.
 A. catch up B. come down C. cope D. handle
7. Urbanization can bring social health and benefit; ____, it also has its drawbacks.
 A. by the way B. furthermore C. however D. moreover
8. During the lesson, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to ____ them.
 A. enlarge B. increase C. go up D. raise
9. We have to come to the conclusion. We are ____ out of time.
 A. driving B. going C. running D. walking
10. Thanks to the development in technology, students have ____ to good resources.
 A. been accessed B. access C. accessing D. assessed
11. The rate of urbanization is low ____ the rate of urban growth is high.
 A. but B. however C. so D. therefore
12. The level of urban unemployment and numbers of ____ are high.
 A. joblessness B. the jobless C. the joblessness D. the jobs
13. A high increase in crime rates is ____ by the majority of the people in urban cities.
 A. affected B. gone through C. influenced D. suffered
14. Anna organized a few games to ____ the ice when the new students first arrived.
 A. break B. crack C. drill D. melt

Exercise 6. Read the text and choose the best option to fill in each of the blanks.

Rapid urbanization can (1) ____ long-term economic, social and environmental promise for developing countries (2) ____ investments made now in infrastructure, housing and public services are efficient and sustainable, the World Bank says in a new report.

In the next two decades, cities are (3) ____ to expand by another two billion residents, as people move in unprecedented (4) ____ from rural areas to pursue hopes and aspirations in cities. More than 90 (5) ____ of this urban population growth is expected to occur in the developing world, (6) ____ many cities are already struggling to provide basic (7) ____ such as water, electricity, transport, health services and education.

Report authors note that (8) ____ new urban growth will not take (9) ____ in the "megacities" of the world e.g. Rio de Janeiro, Jakarta or New Delhi (10) ____ rather in less commonly recognized "secondary" cities - places like Fushun in China, and Surat in India.

To help policymakers prepare for and manage growth, the report distills lessons (11) ____ from 12 countries across all geographic regions and stages of urbanization. It then translates these global lessons (12) ____ practical policy advice.

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| 1. A. bring | B. carry | C. hold | D. take |
| 2. A. if | B. unless | C. whether | D. while |
| 3. A. predictable | B. predicted | C. predicting | D. predictions |
| 4. A. amounts | B. numbers | C. ranges | D. sums |
| 5. A. per cent | B. percentage | C. proportion | D. rate |
| 6. A. what | B. where | C. which | D. why |
| 7. A. demands | B. needs | C. orders | D. uses |
| 8. A. almost | B. most | C. mostly | D. nearly |
| 9. A. form | B. hand | C. place | D. time |
| 10. A. but | B. nor | C. or | D. yet |
| 11. A. are learned | B. being learned | C. learned | D. learning |
| 12. A. by | B. into | C. up to | D. up with |

