

UNIT 1: LIFE STORIES



A. PHONETICS AND SPEAKING

Choose the word which is stressed differently from the rest.

Question 1: A. access B. afford C. brochure D. casual

Question 2: A. behaviour B. determined C. counselor D. decisive

Question 3: A. donate B. compare C. campaign D. flashy

Question 4: A. experience B. mobility C. independent D. prioritise

Question 5: A. romantic B. solution C. protective D. elegant

Question 6: A. legal B. obey C. forbid D. impose

Question 7: A. constitution B. disrespectful C. sympathetic D. elongated

Question 8: A. generational B. interpersonal C. discrimination D. nationality

Question 9: A. studious B. unite C. mature D. involve

Question 10: A. frustrating B. charity C. impairment D. infectious

Question 11: A. hospital B. mischievous C. supportive D. special

Question 12: A. family B. whenever C. obedient D. solution

Question 13: A. biologist B. generally C. responsible D. security

Question 14: A. confident B. important C. together D. exciting

Question 15: A. possible. B. university C. secondary D. suitable

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: I live in a/an ____ with my parents and my elder sister in the coastal area.
A. extended family B. nuclear family C. extended house D. nuclear house

Question 2: One advantage of living in a/an ____ is to strengthen relationship between young children and adults.
A. nuclear family B. nuclear house C. extended family D. extended house

Question 3: In my opinion, family members are responsible for ____.
A. the housework B. the chores C. homework D. A and B

Question 4: My grandpa is the most conservative person in my family. He never ____ about way of life.
A. gives his opinion B. changes his mind C. gives his view D. keeps in mind

Question 5: After graduating from university, I want to ____ my father's footsteps.

Question 6: In a nuclear family, both mother and father have responsibility for housekeeping and

Question 7: Four generations living in the same roof will have different _____ of lifestyle.

II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: All students wear uniforms at school because it is a rule.

Question 2: You finish your homework before you go to bed.

Question 3: This drink isn't beneficial for health. You drink it too much.

Question 4: This warning sign indicates that you should not step on the grass.

Question 5: I think you do exercise regularly in order to keep your body in good shape.

Question 6: I will lend you some money, but you must pay it back to me next week.

Question 7: Hoa feed the cats because her mother has done it already.

Question 8: Those audiences show their tickets before entering the concert hall

C READING

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The American type of football was developed in the 19th century from soccer and rugby football. Played by professionals, amateurs, college and high school students, or young children, football in American is one of the most popular sports besides basketball and baseball. It attracts millions of fans each fall and people are very supportive of their favourite teams. The football playing field of today is

rectangular in shape and measures 100 yards long and 53.5 yards wide. White lines are painted on the playing field to mark off the distances to the end zone. The game is divided into four quarters, each fifteen minutes long. The first two quarters are known as the first half. There is a rest period between two halves which usually last about fifteen minutes. Each team has eleven players. Each team has offensive players who play when the team has possession of the ball and defensive players who play when the other team has the possession of the ball. Because of the body contact players have during the game, helmets are worn to protect their head and face area, whereas pads are worn to protect the shoulders, arms, and legs. Also, there are officials carrying whistles and flags to make certain that the rules of the game are followed during the game. The football is made of leather and is brown in colour. It is shaped much like an oval and has white rings near each end of the football. These rings help the players see the ball when it is thrown or someone is running with it. The eight stitches on the top of the football help the players to grip the ball when throwing or passing. The most famous game of the year is Super Bowl that is played in January or February. It is televised around the world and is watched by millions of people each year.

Question 1: What do officials do during the game of football?

- A. build up excitement among the fans
- B. supervise the game
- C. take up tickets
- D. spectate the game

Question 2: As mentioned in the text, who are the most active when their team has the ball?

- A. offensive players
- B. defensive players
- C. the officials
- D. the fans

Question 3: Playing American football is the most similar to playing

- A. rugby football
- B. basketball
- C. baseball
- D. volleyball

Question 4: What do pads help the players to protect?

- A. their legs and arms
- B. their heads
- C. the whole body
- D. their faces

Question 5: When is the most famous football game held annually?

- A. in the fall
- B. January
- C. February
- D. January or February

Question 6: Why are there white rings on each end of the football?

- A. to mark off the distances to the end zone
- B. to help players run
- C. to help players score
- D. to help players see the ball

Question 7: The word "grip" in the passage means to

- A. avoid something
- B. take something away
- C. hold something tightly
- D. detect something

Question 8: Which is the most popular sport in the US?

- A. Rugby football
- B. Soccer
- C. American football
- D. It's not mentioned

Question 9: How many people watch the match every year?

A. millions B. billions C. a million D. a billion

II. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Who talks more - men or women? Most people believe that women talk more. However, linguist Deborah Tannen, who has studied the communication style of men and women, says that this is a stereotype. According to Tannen, women are more verbal - talk more - in private situations, where they use conversation as the “glue” to hold relationships together. But, she says, men talk more in public situations, where they use conversation to exchange information and gain status. Tannen points out that we can see these differences even in children. Little girls often play with one ‘best friend’ and their play includes a lot of conversation. Little boys often play games in groups, their play usually involves more doing than talking. In school, girls are often better at verbal skills, while boys are often better at mathematics.

A recent study at Emory University helps to shed light on the roots of this difference. Researchers studied conversation between children aged 3-6 and their parents. They found evidence that parents talk very differently to their sons than they do to their daughters. The startling conclusion was that parents use more language with their girls. Specifically, when parents talk with their daughters, they use more descriptive language and more details. There is also far more talk about emotions, especially with daughters than with sons.

Question 1: Which sentence best expresses the main idea of the first paragraph?

A. Women talk more than men on the whole
B. Women’s talking is a stereotype
C. Women talk more in private, and men talk more in public
D. Little boys and little girls have different ways of playing

Question 2: Which word is similar in meaning to the word “glue”?

A. games B. sticky substance C. rope D. means

Question 3: Which of the following phrases best explains the meaning of the word “verbal”?

A. Deriving from verbs B. Connected with use of spoken language
C. Using very loud noise D. Being very talkative

Question 4: The word “they” refers to _____.

A. Situations B. Men C. Men and women D. Women

Question 5: Which sentence best expresses the main idea of the second paragraph?

- A. Researchers have studied the conversations of children and their parents.
- B. Parents do not talk much about sadness with their sons.
- C. Study at Emory University can help to explain the differences between communication styles of boys and girls.
- D. An Emory University study found that parents talk more with their daughters than with their sons.

Question 6: Which of the following statement is TRUE about the passage?

- A. Parents give more love to their daughters than to their sons.
- B. Boys don't like to be with their parents as much as girls do.
- C. Parents use more language to talk with their daughters.
- D. Boys don't like showing emotions.

D. WRITING

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 1: Nobody in the class is as tall as Mike.

- A. Everybody in the class is taller than Mike.
- B. Somebody in the class may be shorter than Mike.
- C. Mike is the tallest student in the class.
- D. Mike may be taller than most students in the class.

Question 2: I haven't got enough money to buy a new car.

- A. I need more money to buy a new car.
- B. I don't want to spend more money on a new car.
- C. A new car is not something I really need.
- D. Money is not the most essential issue to buy a new car.

Question 3: I am really keen on playing sports.

- A. I am a big fan of sports.
- B. Playing sports makes me sick.
- C. I am not really into sports.
- D. I can't stand sports.

Question 4: "I will come back home soon," he said.

- A. He advised to come back home soon.
- B. He offered to come back home soon.

- C. He promised to come back home soon.
- D. He suggested that he should come back home soon.

Question 5: He prevented his close friend from telling the truth.

- A. He forbade his close friend to tell the truth.
- B. He allowed his close friend to tell the truth.
- C. He ordered his close friend to tell the truth.
- D. He paid his close friend to tell the truth.

Question 6: My brother speaks too loud. It is really annoying.

- A. My brother is speaking too loud.
- B. My brother likes to speak too loud.
- C. My brother feels annoyed when he can't speak too loud.
- D. My brother is always speaking too loud.

Question 7: There is always conflict between parents and children. However, they still should talk and share things with each other.

- A. Although there is always conflict between parents and children, they still should talk and share things with each other.
- B. There is always conflict between parents and children, so they still should talk and share things with each other.
- C. Unless there is always conflict between parents and children, they still should talk and share things with each other.
- D. Not only there is always conflict between parents and children, but they still should talk and share things with each other.

Question 8: Your parents will help you with the problem. You should tell them the story.

- A. Because your parents will help you with the problem, you should tell them the story.
- B. Your parents will help you with the problem since you should tell them the story.
- C. If your parents will help you with the problem, you should tell them the story.
- D. Your parents will help you with the problem because you should tell them the story.

Question 9: Unemployment rate is high. This makes many children move back to their parents' house.

- A. Many children move back to their parents' house, which makes high unemployment rate.
- B. High unemployment rate forces many children to move back to their parents' house.
- C. Moving back to their parents' house suggests that the unemployment rate is high.

D. It is necessary to move back to your parents' house if unemployment rate is high.

Question 10: She is an honest person. She is also a very friendly one.

- A. She is an honest but friendly person.
- B. She is not only an honest but also a very friendly person.
- C. Though she is a honest person, she is friendly.
- D. Being honest is necessary to become friendly.

Question 11: The car was very expensive and he couldn't afford it.

- A. The car was very expensive so that he couldn't buy it.
- B. The car was too expensive for him to buy.
- C. He was rich enough to buy the car.
- D. He was so poor but he bought the car.

Question 12: "Please send me to a warm climate" Tom said.

- A. Tom pleaded with the boss to send him to a warm climate.
- B. Tom begged the boss to send him to a warm climate.
- C. Tom would rather went to a warm climate.
- D. Tom asked his boss to go to a warm climate.

Question 13: He expected us to offer him the job.

- A. We were expected to be offered him the job.
- B. He expected to be offered the job.
- C. He is expected that we should offer him the job.
- D. He was offered the job without expectation.

Question 14: He held the rope with one hand. He stretched it out.

- A. The robe is held with one hand then he stretched it out.
- B. Stretching the robe out, he holds it with one hand.
- C. Holding the rope with one hand, he stretched it out.
- D. He stretched the rope with one hand and held it.

Question 15: The plan may be ingenious. It will never work in practice.

- A. Ingenious as it may be, the plan will never work in practice.
- B. Ingenious as may the plan, it will never work in practice.
- C. The plan may be too ingenious to work in practice.
- D. The plan is as impractical as it is genius.