

Unit 3. BECOMING INDEPENDENT

A. PHONETICS

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

- Question 1:** A. lake B. bay C. cane D. lack
Question 2: A. lurk B. luck C. but D. putt
Question 3: A. stopped B. expected C. finished D. faced
Question 4: A. thoughtful B. threaten C. therefore D. thin
Question 5: A. grease B. sympathy C. horse D. rose

II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 6:** A. reliable B. independent C. responsible D. decisiveness
Question 7: A. difficult B. confident C. critical D. important
Question 8: A. permission B. well-informed C. activity D. effective
Question 9: A. routine B. problem C. lonely D. hygiene
Question 10: A. laundry B. punish C. depend D. reason

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:** My parents are glad ____ my success in finding a job after graduation.
A. to see B. seeing C. see D. saw
Question 2: It isn't ____ for him to take charge of the financial burden on his family.
A. boring B. expensive C. easy D. mind
Question 3: My teacher always gives me advice ____ suitable career in the future.
A. choosing B. to choose C. choose D. not to choose
Question 4: We're ____ to announce that you were selected to be our new faculty manager.
A. happily B. unhappy C. happiness D. happy
Question 5: It is unnecessary for ____ to do this task. It's not ours.
A. we B. us C. they D. our
Question 6: She left a message with a request ____ in the contract
A. not to sign B. not sign C. to not sign D. don't sign
Question 7: I found it truly ____ to hear that Mr. Kim had been appointed to the committee.

A. surprise B. surprised C. surprising D. surprisingly

Question 8: Don't be afraid ____ me if you have any further queries.

A. not to ask B. asking C. to asking D. to ask

Question 9: It's ____ for us to submit the project on time as it's really difficult.

A. possible B. simple C. impossible D. Both B and C

Question 10: It would be unreasonable ____ him ____ you money if you didn't pay it back.

A. to expect/lend B. to expect/to lend C. expect/to lend D. expecting/lend

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

Question 1: I'm totally exhausted after having finished successive assignments in only a week.

A. jobs B. works C. exercises D. problems

Question 2: He is truly a reliable friend. He will always be with me and never let me down.

A. mean B. independent C. decisive D. dependable

Question 3: At last, Huong made a determined effort to get a scholarship so that he could have chance to study overseas.

A. tenacious B. serious C. unresolved D. necessary

Question 4: In spite of poverty and dreadful conditions, they still manage to keep their self-respect.

A. self-reliant B. self-restraint C. self-esteem D. self-assured

Question 5: All students are revising carefully, for the final test is approaching soon.

A. going fast B. reaching fast C. coming near D. getting near

C. READING

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

ARE TRADITIONAL WAYS OF LEARNING THE BEST?

Read about some alternative schools of thought...

One school in Hampshire, UK, offers 24-hour teaching. The children can decide when or if they come to school. The school is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., for 364 days a year and provides online teaching throughout the night. The idea is that pupils don't have to come to school and they can decide when they want to study. Cheryl Heron, the head teacher, said "Some students learn better at night. Some students learn better in the morning." Cheryl believes that if children are bored, they will not come to school. "Why must teaching only be conducted in a classroom? You can teach a child without him ever coming to school."

Steiner schools encourage creativity and free thinking so children can study art, music and gardening as well as science and history. They don't have to learn to read and write at an early age. At some Steiner schools the teachers can't use textbooks. They talk to the children, who learn by listening. Every morning the children have to go to special music and movement classes called "eurhythmy", which help them learn to concentrate. Very young children learn foreign languages through music and song. Another difference from traditional schools is that at Steiner schools you don't have to do any tests or exams. A child learning music with the Suzuki method has to start as young as possible. Even two-year-old children can learn to play difficult pieces of classical music, often on the violin. They do **this** by watching and listening. They learn by copying, just like they learn their mother tongue. The child has to join in, but doesn't have to get it right. "They soon learn that they mustn't stop every time they make a mistake. They just carry on," said one Suzuki trainer. The children have to practise for hours every day and they give performances once a week, so they learn quickly. "The parents must be **involved** too," said the trainer, "or it just doesn't work."

Question 1: Which of the following is NOT true about 24-hour teaching?

- A. Students can come to school from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- B. Students can study online at night.
- C. Students can choose the time to study.
- D. Some students need to study in the morning and some need to study at night.

Question 2: According to Cheryl Heron, teaching ____.

- A. should happen throughout the night
- B. is not necessarily carried out in class
- C. is for children who will not come to school
- D. must be around the year

Question 3: Steiner schools don't ____.

- A. encourage children's creativity and free thinking
- B. allow teachers to teach things out of textbooks
- C. teach reading and writing to young children
- D. teach music to children

Question 4: Which of the following is TRUE about Steiner schools?

- A. They are different from traditional schools.
- B. Young children are not taught foreign languages.
- C. Students must concentrate on music.
- D. Students have to do exams and tests

Question 5: Which of the following is the most suitable title for the third paragraph?

- A. Traditional ways of teaching
- B. 24-hour teaching
- C. Learn by listening
- D. Starting young

Question 6: Students learning music with Suzuki method ____.

- A. must learn difficult music .
- B. like to learn their mother tongue
- C. stop when they make mistakes
- D. start at an early age

Question 7: The word “**this**” in paragraph 3 refers to ____.

- A. starting as young as possible
- B. the violin
- C. playing difficult pieces of music
- D. learning their mother tongue

Question 8: The word “**involved**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. engaged
- B. encouraging
- C. accepting
- D. rejecting

II. 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.

William Sydney Porter (1862-1910), who wrote under the pseudonym of O. Henry, was born in North Carolina. His only formal education was to attend his Aunt Lina’s school until the age of fifteen, where he developed his lifelong love of books. By 1881 he was a licensed pharmacist. However, within a year, on the recommendation of a medical colleague of his Father’s, Porter moved to La Salle County in Texas for two years herding sheep. During this time, Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary was his constant companion, and Porter gained a knowledge of ranch life that he later incorporated into many of his short stories. He then moved to Austin for three years, and during this time the first recorded use of his pseudonym appeared, allegedly derived from his habit of calling “Oh, Henry” to a family cat. In 1887, Porter married Athol Estes. He worked as a draftsman, then as a bank teller for the First National Bank. In 1894 Porter founded his own humor weekly, the “Rolling Stone”, a venture that failed within a year, and later wrote a column for the Houston Daily Post. In the meantime, the First National Bank was examined, and the subsequent indictment of 1886 stated that Porter had embezzled funds. Porter then fled to New Orleans, and later to Honduras, leaving his wife and child in Austin. He returned in 1897 because of his wife’s continued ill-health, however she died six months later. Then, in 1898 Porter was found guilty and sentenced to five years imprisonment in Ohio. At the age of thirty five, he entered prison as a defeated man; he had lost his job, his home, his wife, and finally his freedom. He emerged from prison three years later, reborn as O. Henry, the pseudonym he now used to hide his true identity. He wrote at least twelve stories in jail, and after re-gaining his freedom, went to New York City, where he published more than 300 stories and gained fame as America’s favorite short Story writer. Porter married again in 1907, but after months of poor health, he died in New York City at the age of forty-eight in 1910. O. Henry’s stories have been translated all over the world.

Question 1: According to the passage, Porter’s Father was ____.

- A. the person who gave him a life-long love of books
- B. a medical doctor
- C. a licensed pharmacist
- D. responsible for his move to La Salle County in Texas

Question 2: Why did the author write the passage?

- A. to outline the career of a famous American
- B. because of his fame as America's favorite short story writer
- C. because it is a tragic story of a gifted writer
- D. to outline the influences on O. Henry's writing

Question 3: The word "imprisonment" in paragraph 2 is closet in meaning to _____.

- A. captivity
- B. escape
- C. insult
- D. punishment

Question 4: What is the passage primarily about?

- A. The life and career of William Sydney Porter.
- B. The way to adopt a nickname.
- C. O. Henry's influence on American literature.
- D. The adventures of O. Henry.

Question 5: The author implies which of the following is true?

- A. Porter's wife might have lived longer if he had not left her in Austin when he fled.
- B. Porter was in poor health throughout his life.
- C. O. Henry is as popular in many other countries as he is in America.
- D. Porter would probably have written less stories if he had not been in prison for three years.

Question 6: Which of the following is true, according to the passage?

- A. Porter left school at 15 to become a pharmacist
- B. Porter wrote a column for the Houston Daily Post called "Rolling Stone"
- C. The first recorded use of his pseudonym was in Austin
- D. Both of Porter's wives died before he died

Question 7: The word "pseudonym" in the passage refers to _____.

- A. William Sydney Porter
- B. O. Henry
- C. Athol Estes
- D. the Aunt Lina

D. WRITING

I. Complete the letter by choosing the appropriate adjectives or nouns.

Dear Diana,

My parents and I are (1)..... to know that you passed the end-of-term examination. Congratulations! I think that with your excellence, your (2)..... to become a good doctor will come true.

My younger sister was really (3)..... to receive a hair curling machine from you on her birthday and she asked me to say "thank you" to you. However, she doesn't know the (4)..... to use that machine. It seems (5)..... for her to use it.

I was relieved that your mother had recovered after a serious surgery. It was (6)..... to believe that she had to suffer from a severe disease for a long period of time. Please give her my love.

I am excited that you're going to visit my beautiful city. I want to show you my (7)..... to take you to famous places.

We're looking forward to seeing you. It will be (8)..... for me to welcome you to my house.

Write me soon and confirm your arrival date and time.

Love,

Sarah

Question 1: A. glad B. disappointed C. chance

Question 2: A. decisive B. dream C. advice

Question 3: A. surprised B. ability C. determined

Question 4: A. chance B. way C. permission

Question 5: A. difficult B. chance C. easy

Question 6: A. ambition B. hard C. relief

Question 7: A. willing B. willingness C. demand

Question 8: A. nice B. unreasonable C. necessity

II. 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: I am looking forward to seeing you.

- A. I don't have time to see you.
- B. I will try to find some time to see you.
- C. I should find some time to see you.
- D. I am expecting to see you.

Question 2: I haven't got used to Indian food although I have lived here for three months.

- A. I still find it strange to eat Indian food though I have lived here for 3 months.
- B. Eating Indian food is one of the habits when I lived in India three months ago.
- C. Because I still live in India, I find Indian food strange to eat.
- D. I have to eat Indian food to get used to eat as I have to live in India.

Question 3: "Don't touch the hot cooker," my mother said.

- A. My mother promised me to touch the hot cooker.
- B. My mother warned me not to touch the hot cooker.
- C. My mother suggested me not touching the hot cooker.
- D. My mother reminded me of touching the hot cooker.

Question 4: Stop giving me a hard time, I could not do anything about it.

- A. Don't make me feel guilty because I couldn't do anything about it.
- B. I could not do anything about it because I am going through a hard time.
- C. Going through a hard time doesn't help me do anything about it.
- D. I couldn't do anything about it so I would stop.

Question 5: I hope you stay in touch with me even when you are back to the U.S.A.

- A. I want you to stay with me and not to come back to the U.S.A.
- B. I hope to meet you in the U.S.A.
- C. I want us to be connected even if you are in the U.S.A.
- D. I want to stay close to you so I will come to the U.S.A.

Question 6: Tom reviewed the lessons carefully. He could finish the test very well.

- A. Tom reviewed the lessons carefully whereas he could finish the test very well.
- B. Tom reviewed the lessons carefully; therefore he could finish the test very well.
- C. If Tom reviewed the lessons carefully, he could finish the test very well.
- D. Although Tom reviewed the lessons carefully, he could finish the test very well.

Question 7: There are many things I have to do before going home. Cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you are some.

- A. If I can do anything before going home, I will do the cleaning, packing and say goodbye to you.
- B. Although I want to do many things before going home, I have done cleaning, packing and said goodbye to you.
- C. There are many things I have to do before going home including cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you.
- D. Cleaning, packing and saying goodbye to you are everything I have to do before going home.