

Practice test 7

Choose the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation.

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| 1. A. crew | B. blew | C. sew | D. threw |
| 2. A. happy | B. man | C. many | D. fat |
| 3. A. too | B. flood | C. soon | D. food |
| 4. A. protested | B. organized | C. recorded | D. suspected |
| 5. A. attracts | B. begins | C. finds | D. opens |

Choose the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress.

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| 6. A. definition | B. production | C. situation | D. politician |
| 7. A. photography | B. qualify | C. occasion | D. Canadian |
| 8. A. nation | B. edible | C. visual | D. delicious |
| 9. A. conscious | B. speedometer | C. thermometer | D. parameter |
| 10. A. sufficient | B. deficient | C. ancient | D. efficient |

Choose the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following sentences.

11. When a patient's blood pressure is (A) more higher (B) than it (C) should be, a doctor usually insists that he (D) not smoke.
12. One of (A) the main (B) reason I (C) came to England was (D) to study the language.
13. Even (A) on the most (B) careful prepared trip, (C) problems will (D) sometimes develop.
14. I don't care (A) what do you do just (B) so long (C) as you do it (D) immediately.
15. The master of (A) ceremonies (B) told that (C) the dinner would be late (D) due to unforeseen circumstances.

Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

16. Please give me _____ cup of _____ coffee with _____ cream and sugar.
A. a/the/x B. a/x/x C. x/a/x D. x/x/x
17. _____ big books on _____ table are for my history class.
A. The/x B. x/the C. The/the D. x/x
18. There has been some decrease _____ military spending this year.
A. in B. of C. at D. by
19. Nobody knows what the cause for the _____ was.
A. explosive B. explosion C. explode D. explosible
20. A stone _____ my head and _____. I was unconscious for half an hour.
A. fell on/knocked me up B. fell in/knocked me up C. fell in/knocked me with D. fell on/knocked me out
21. When I _____, he _____ for London ten minutes ago.
A. came/left B. had come/left C. came/had left D. was coming/had left
22. My grandfather _____ in an airplane and he _____ no intention of ever doing so.
A. has never flown/has B. never flies/has C. never flies/will have D. has never flown/will have
23. He _____ the richest man in our town.
A. is said to being B. is said to be C. was said being D. was said having been
24. Researches on AIDS _____ by scientist two years ago.
A. began to carry out B. began to be carried out C. were begun to carry out D. were begun carrying out
25. After the couple of the years, the heat gets too much, _____?
A. is it B. doesn't it C. don't they D. are they
26. Ships carry life boats _____ the crew can escape when the ship sinks.
A. so as to B. in order that C. such that D. in order not to
27. The sun shone _____ Maria had to put on her sunglasses.
A. such brightly that B. too brightly that C. so brightly that D. brightly enough for
28. The wind was howling outside; _____, it was warm and comfortable indoor.

- A. but B. although C. however D. moreover
29. _____ the popularity of the region, it is advisable to book hotels or camp sites in advance.
- A. Because B. Because of C. Even though D. Despite
30. _____ the weather was bad, we had a wonderful holiday.
- A. Despite B. In spite the fact that C. Even though D. In spite of
31. Lisa _____ her parents is going to pay a visit to Greece.
- A. and B. both C. as well as D. or
32. Neither the students nor the teacher _____.
- A. are arrived B. has arrived C. have arrived D. arrive
33. Had you asked me, I _____ you the answer.
- A. would tell B. could tell C. would have told D. should be telling
34. Andrew is used _____ a cup of coffee in the morning.
- A. have B. having C. to have D. to having
35. He was sitting in an armchair _____ a magazine
- A. having read B. reading C. read D. to read
36. _____ into a rich family, she got everything she wished for
- A. Born B. Having born C. Bear D. Be born
37. He hasn't got as _____ as I thought.
- A. many patience B. little patience C. lots of patience D. much patience
38. _____ the students in my class enjoying taking part in outdoor activities.
- A. Most B. Most of C. Many D. The number of
39. The patient _____ a serious disease was taken to hospital immediately.
- A. who had B. having C. that is having D. A&B are correct
40. The man _____ we are talking is a famous doctor.
- A. whom B. about who C. to who D. about whom
41. She said to me that she _____ to me the Sunday before.
- A. wrote B. has written C. was writing D. had written
42. "Please don't tell anyone what happened," Ann said to me.
- A. Ann suggested me not telling anyone what had happened.
- B. Ann ordered me not to tell anyone what had happened.
- C. Ann advised me not to tell anyone what had happened.
- D. Ann told me not to tell anyone what had happened.
43. Everyone looks much _____ today than they did yesterday.
- A. more happier B. happily C. happier D. more happily.
44. The _____ he waited, the _____ impatient he became.
- A. more long/more B. longer/more C. longest/more D. more long/most
45. Looking up at the _____ pyramid, it was hard for Frank to imagine building something so impressive.
- A. amazing B. amazed C. amazingly D. amazement
46. You shouldn't let your children _____ with matches. It's very easy _____ a fire.
- A. play/catch B. to play/to catch C. playing/to catch D. play/to catch
47. I enjoy _____ busy. I don't like it when there is nothing _____.
- A. being/doing B. to be/to do C. being/to do D. to be/doing
48. No money _____ lend you from now on.
- A. I shall B. I will C. shall I D. do I
49. "I'd like to take two weeks 'holiday.'" - "_____. We have too much work to do."
- A. Don't worry B. Pardon me C. Forget it D. Don't mention it
50. "Look! This sweater is beautiful." - "_____?"

A. Why not trying it on B. Why not try on it C. Why not try it on D. Why not trying on it

51. Lance is _____ knowledgeable on this subject.

A. smartly B. powerfully C. firmly D. highly

52. I need a good _____ of all the costs involved in buying a new car.

A. explanatory B. explanation C. explain D. explaining

53. Angela's so cheerful and _____ - she's like a breath of fresh air when she visits.

A. lively B. boring C. tired D. nasty

54. The doctor told him to lose weight quickly or pay the _____ later in life.

A. fee B. fine C. price D. cost

55. Jet lag causes problems with our _____ clock.

A. biological B. biology C. biologist D. biologically

56. This species of seagull is not a _____ of the island, but will sometimes rest here a while.

A. neighbor B. national C. resident D. citizen

57. Doesn't it strike you as strange that it's the _____ of May and it's snowing?

A. core B. heart C. middle D. centre

58. I didn't stay behind because I wanted to; I did so because it was my _____.

A. hobby B. duty C. pastime D. chore

59. What angered me wasn't his resignation but the _____ in which he did it.

A. method B. manner C. attitude D. feeling

60. If you can't make _____ what's written, change the zoom level and it'll become clearer.

A. for B. off C. up D. out

61. There's a _____ range of issues that we need to discuss as soon as possible.

A. far B. small C. wide D. high

62. Despite being _____ in the battle, the soldier fought on and was awarded a medal for bravery.

A. beaten B. wounded C. killed D. bruised

63. The rain will _____ for most of the morning, but we are expecting a brighter afternoon.

A. persist B. happen C. resist D. take place

64. Mars is sometimes called the Red Planet because of its _____ colour.

A. distinction B. distinctive C. distinguish D. distinctively

65. Marie Curie, one of the _____ pioneers in working with radiation, died in 1934.

A. ordinary B. average C. best-known D. regular

66. Deep sea oil _____ is a dirty and dangerous business.

A. invention B. preparation C. innovation D. exploration

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

67. She is a confident and practised speaker who always impresses her audience.

A. experienced B. clumsy C. useless D. untrained

68. Even with a discount, the price of the TV was too expensive for me to afford.

A. price cut B. addition C. growth D. increase

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

69. Please feel free to invite friends because there will be abundant food and drinks at the party.

A. much B. scarce C. plentiful D. many

70. She's a good student, but she knows she won't score high enough on the scholarship test because math is her Achilles' heel.

A. weak point B. difficulty C. disadvantage D. strong point

IDIOMS 4

practice makes perfect: to keep practicing to get better at (certain) skills– có công mài sắt có ngày nên kim

pull one's leg: to tease someone – trêu chọc ai đó

rule of thumb: a general principle that comes through experience and not any scientific means– thông lệ/ quy tắc chung

smell a rat: sense that something is not right, suspect that something wrong is happening– nghi ngờ

take a rain check: refuse an offer politely, but imply that it can be taken up later – từ chối

the ball's in your court: it is up to you to make the next move - quyết định tùy vào bạn

the spitting image: to look exactly like someone else– giống hệt

till the cows come home: for a very long time – mãi miết, lâu dài

tongue-in-cheek: something said in humour, but with an act of being serious– lời nói đùa, trò đùa mỉa mai

under the weather: to be ill or feel ill – cảm thấy không khỏe

Exercises 1: Complete each of the following sentences with words given.

the spitting image

take a rain check

the ball's in his court

smelt a rat

pulling my leg

practice makes perfect

under the weather

tongue-in-cheek

rule of thumb

till the cows come home

- Wow – the painting is _____ of you. Who drew it?
- I'm a bit busy so I'll _____, but thanks for inviting me.
- I've been a bit _____ since last night. I think it may have been something I ate.
- Are you _____? I don't believe you really did that.
- The police _____ he said he wasn't involved in the crime. Someone fitting his description had been seen in the area.
- Don't worry if you can't do it yet. Keep trying. _____.
- The _____ in our house is not to talk about politics – it always ends in arguments!
- His comments were intended to be _____, but his friends took it seriously and that started a huge argument.
- I've told him how angry I am, so _____ now. We'll see what he does.
- At the pace you are going, you won't finish the project _____.

Exercises 2: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

- If you want to type without looking at the keyboard, then practice every day because _____.
A. pull one's leg B. smell a rat C. tongue-in-cheek D. practice makes perfect
- During our boot camp in the jungle, we used to drink a glass of water every two hours as a _____.
A. rule of thumb B. under the weather C. till the cows come home D. under the weather
- I would have loved to come to your place, but I'll _____ on that. I will be out of town during the weekend.
A. the spitting image B. pull one's leg C. take a rain check D. the ball in your court
- The investment scheme looked a good one, but I _____ when the adviser could not answer a few of my questions satisfactorily.
A. rule of thumb B. smelt a rat C. practice makes perfect D. under the weather
- As a big brother, he was always _____, but he was there for her when needed.
A. tongue-in-cheek B. take a rain check C. the spitting image D. pulling his sister's leg
- You can keep reading about investing _____, but you won't achieve anything unless you actually start investing.
A. smell a rat B. rule of thumb C. practice makes perfect D. till the cows come home
- Sheena was feeling a bit _____, so she decided not to go to the movie with her friends.
A. under the weather B. pull her leg C. take a rain check D. the ball's in your court
- One of the speakers at the business conference gave a _____ speech about the current economic condition of the country.
A. tongue in cheek B. smell a rat C. the ball's in your court D. practice makes perfect
- With the help of makeup and touch-up, the actor looked _____ of the real life character he played in the movie.
A. rule of thumb B. the spitting image C. under the weather D. till the cows come home
- His family and friends have requested him to apologize to his boss to save his job. _____ now.
A. The spitting image B. Take a rain check C. Practice makes perfect D. The ball is in his court

Exercises 3: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I've given them a list of the changes that I think are necessary, so the ball's in their (court – yard – course – lawn) now.
2. The TV programme was a tongue (on – in – for – of) cheek look at American culture. It wasn't that serious.
3. He wanted to hang out with his friends for a bit, but since he was under the (climate – pattern – air – weather), he went home.
4. We can keep on arguing about this till the cows come (cage – shed – home – barn), but it won't solve anything.
5. That guy over there looks like the (extracting – spitting – vomiting – raising) image of someone I went to high school with.
6. I don't think these files were deleted by mistake. I smell a (mouse – insect – odour – rat). Maybe he has something to do with it.
7. I'll have to take a (shower – rain – storm – snow) check on going to the movies this evening, I already have other plans.
8. I was just (teasing – binding – pulling – holding) your leg when I said that the company is going to shut down.
9. Going by the rule of (thumb – hand – sign – symbol), it would take two hours to compile the data in each of these files.
10. I train so hard for the marathons is because I believe that (training – practice – rehearsal – preparation) makes perfect.

PHRASAL VERBS 4

bear on/bear upon: to impact or affect sth or sb, to be connected with sth – ảnh hưởng; có liên quan

catch up on: to become up-to-date, to do a task that one has neglected – cập nhật; làm một nhiệm vụ đã sao lãng

dress down: to reprimand severely, to dress more casually than usual – khiển trách; ăn mặc thoải mái

fall out with: to have an argument with – cãi nhau với ai

give off: to emit, to release (a smell or light) – thải ra, tỏa ra mùi hương

hit on: to discover or realize something, to discuss, to flirt with sb – phát hiện, nhận ra; thảo luận; tán tỉnh ai

kick in: to contribute money, to begin taking effect – đóng góp tiền; bắt đầu có hiệu lực

lay down: to keep or save something for the future, to establish (laws, rules) – để dành; thiết lập (luật)

make for: to move in the direction of, to cause (something) to happen – di chuyển về hướng; gây ra

pass on: to give, to bequeath, to decline or refuse – để lại cho ai; từ chối

Exercises 1: Complete each of the following sentences with words given.

bear upon

catch up on

give off

dressed down

lay down

pass on

hitting on

fell out with

kicks in

made for

1. How does my lateness _____ you? You weren't here on time either!
2. I need to _____ world events. I haven't seen the news in ages.
3. The teacher _____ the students for arriving to class late.
4. Apparently, Gina _____ Dave last week, and now they're not talking to each other at all.
5. Some animals _____ an unpleasant odor that deters attackers.
6. The women were all _____ George, but he didn't complain.
7. You'll feel a lot better when the medication _____.
8. With kids like that you have to _____ the law and let them see you're serious.
9. The boys _____ the swimming pool as soon as the coach blew the whistle.
10. The experienced artisan would _____ the tricks of the trade to the apprentice.

Exercises 2: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. One of the things I'd like to _____ in my presentation is the impact our product has on the environment.
A. hit on B. bear on C. dress down D. catch up on
2. Her hay fever didn't feel half as bad once the antihistamines had _____.
A. fell out with B. kicked in C. gave off D. passed on
3. You should _____ part of each paycheck and put it into a retirement fund.
A. hit on B. dress down C. lay down D. catch up on
4. Paying attention to small details _____ a more enjoyable trip.
A. falls out with B. bears upon C. gives off D. makes for
5. You may want a way to _____ money to your children or to cover the taxes on your estate.

- A. kick in B. pass on C. lay down D. dress down
6. Don't worry, our lawyers have told us that this information won't _____ the merger.
- A. fall out with B. make for C. bear on D. hit on
7. If you haven't done any biology homework in weeks, you better spend this weekend _____ it—it's due on Tuesday!
- A. catching up on B. kick in C. pass on D. make for
8. The boss will definitely _____ the person who messed up this report.
- A. give off B. bear upon C. lay down D. dress down
9. I _____ my sister last month and we haven't talked to each other since.
- A. pass on B. fell out with C. kick in D. catch up on
10. Many regions have abandoned coal-burning electricity plants, which _____ carbon dioxide, a potent greenhouse gas.
- A. hit on B. make for C. give off D. dress down

Exercises 3: Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences

- Jennifer (passed on – bear on – catch up on – dress down) the invitation to join us for dinner.
- Let's (kick in - make for – hit on – give off) the exit before the crowd starts to leave.
- The coach (fell out with – dressed down – caught up on - laid down) the rules from the first day of practice.
- I (passed on – made for - kicked in – bear on) a few bucks to the charity drive they're doing at the office.
- She (hit on – caught up on – dressed down – fell out with) a new scheme for removing the impurities from drinking water.
- This chemical reaction (passes on – makes for - gives off – lays down) a lot of energy.
- She (kicked in - fell out with – laid down – hit on) her parents over the question of buying a new car.
- We're allowed to (dress down – pass on – make for – give off) on Fridays if we don't have any big meetings scheduled.
- If you haven't been watching the news for the last few days, you have a lot to (fall out with – hit on – kick in - catch up on).
- Do you have any information (laying down – making for - bearing on – dressing down) his disappearance?