

## Unit 7. CULTURAL DIVERSITY

### TEST YOURSELF

#### I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

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| 1. A. inventor   | B. lecture   | C. examine   | D. second    |
| 2. A. doctor     | B. provide   | C. adopt     | D. sponsor   |
| 3. A. biology    | B. invention | C. discovery | D. digestion |
| 4. A. discovered | B. studied   | C. invented  | D. entered   |
| 5. A. carry      | B. rabies    | C. cat       | D. battle    |

#### II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

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| 1. A. swallow   | B. survive   | C. digest   | D. finish       |
| 2. A. product   | B. satisfy   | C. pleasure | D. however      |
| 3. A. happiness | B. rewrite   | C. eject    | D. oblige       |
| 4. A. compare   | B. compose   | C. company  | D. consist      |
| 5. A. manage    | B. recognize | C. argue    | D. discriminate |

#### III. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

- There are some things Americans would change, and \_\_\_\_ thing people would change is their education.  
A. the biggest                      B. a big                      C. the                      D. a bigger
- \_\_\_\_ people from England who went to live in North America nearly 400 years ago were called Pilgrims.  
A. a                      B. x                      C. an                      D. the
- In our tradition, when people mention "matter of betel and areca" they are talking about \_\_\_\_ issue.  
A. unmarried                      B. married                      C. marry                      D. marriage
- Cultural diversity makes our country \_\_\_\_ by making it a \_\_\_\_ place in which to live.  
A. rich - more interesting                      B. richest - most interesting  
C. richer - most interesting                      D. richer - more interesting
- These people wanted to start \_\_\_\_ new life in \_\_\_\_ new country, but they faced a lot of difficulties because they didn't know anything about the new land.  
A. a - a                      B. a - a                      C. a - the                      D. the - a
- Nations where there is much cultural diversity can also sometimes be known as a \_\_\_\_.  
A. multi-ethnic society                      B. multidimensional problem  
C. multicultural society                      D. cultural uniformity
- In Portugal, walking backwards will bring bad luck, because it paves \_\_\_\_ way for \_\_\_\_ devil to enter.  
A. the - the                      B. a - the                      C. a - a                      D. the - a
- The Pilgrims didn't know how to grow \_\_\_\_ food or build \_\_\_\_ homes, so a lot of them became very ill.  
A. a - a                      B. X - X                      C. a - the                      D. the - a
- To many \_\_\_\_ street vendors, the success of their day is determined by how it starts and by their first customer.

A. superstitiously      B. supernatural      C. superstition      D. superstitious

10. In Russia, there is \_\_\_\_ belief that unmarried people should avoid sitting at \_\_\_\_ corner of \_\_\_\_ table because they will find difficulties finding their life partner and will not get married.

A. a - the - the      B. the - the - the      C. a - a - a      D. a - a - the

11. On one spring day, \_\_\_\_ Pilgrims met two native Americans, Squanto and Samoset, who could speak English.

A. an      B. the      C. a      D. x

12. One Chinese legend has it that the Jade Emperor asked for twelve representatives of the animal species on Earth to be brought to his \_\_\_\_ kingdom.

A. heavenly      B. sky      C. heaven      D. space

13. Before the wedding, the groom usually asks his best friend to be his \_\_\_\_, and the bride may have one or more \_\_\_\_.

A. best man - bridesmaids      B. best man - housemaids  
C. closest man best maids      D. good man - best maids

14. Squanto and Samoset became \_\_\_\_ friends with the Pilgrims and gave them a lot of \_\_\_\_ advice about how to grow food and build homes to make their lives easier.

A. a - a      B. X - X      C. a - the      D. the - a

15. However, another version says the \_\_\_\_ of the 12 animals in the Chinese horoscope was decided thousands of years ago by Buddha, who called for a New Year's meeting of animals.

A. site      B. pan      C. order      D. position

16. They had \_\_\_\_ food and \_\_\_\_ warm homes for the winter, so they wanted to say thank you to their native American friends.

A. a - a      B. x - x      C. a - the      D. the - a

17. People from \_\_\_\_ cultures bring language skills, new ways of thinking, and creative solutions to difficult problems.

A. diversify      B. diversification      C. diverse      D. diversity

18. No one knows the real origins of the Chinese \_\_\_\_ representing the cycles of the lunar year.

A. horoscope      B. cycle      C. stars      D. space

**IV. Fill in the gap with "a" or "the" to complete the passage.**

(1) ..... wedding is the ceremony where (2) .....couple gets married. On their wedding day, (3) .....bride and groom may exchange wedding gifts or rings. Before the wedding, the groom usually asks his brother, best friend or father to be his best man. (4) .....best man helps the groom get ready for (5) .....ceremony and makes sure nothing goes ..... the bride calm, helps her get ready and looks after her dress. After the wedding ceremony, there is usually (7) .....reception for the guests. Traditionally, the bride and groom go on their honeymoon immediately after (8) .....wedding reception. Nowadays, (9) .....majority of couples wait for a few days before they leave on honeymoon.

**V. Choose the word in the box to complete the text.**



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| sarcastic  | private      | majority | experiences | Additionally  |
| upbringing | counterparts | cultural | punctuality | circumstances |

While you may not think it at first, there are numerous (1) ..... difference between the US and the UK that you will likely encounter.

In general, Americans are much more open than Britons. Friends and even acquaintances discuss personal thoughts and opinions that might seem private in the UK. Do not feel embarrassed if an American asks you a seemingly (2) ..... question. He or she is most likely sincerely curious about your thoughts and feelings and is assuming you would like to share them.

You may learn more about your American friends than you wanted to know, or you may hear more childhood stories than you care to listen to. Americans will be interested in your (3) ..... and background as well since your (4) ..... may differ greatly from theirs. In addition to more frequent discussion about their personal lives, there is often a greater display of photographs, and posters in dorm rooms or office spaces.

The sense of humour differs from one side of the Atlantic to the other. Americans tend to be less dry or (5) ..... Some Americans may feel offended if they do not understand your humour, but after a brief explanation they will be laughing along with you.

Americans tend to believe that individuals control their (6) ..... how much they work. This work ethic is reflected in American attitudes towards academic. Don't be surprised if you meet students who spend a vast (7) ..... of their free time studying in the library.

Americans also tend to care much more for punctuality than their UK (8) ..... Everything from classes to a lunch date is expected to start right on time. Along with (9) ..... most Americans move at a faster pace than that in the UK. For example, dinners at a restaurant, even a sit-down restaurant, can be finished in under a half-hour. (10) ..... you will not have to ask for the bill. It will be brought to you as soon as it is clear to your waiter or waitress that you are finished ordering more items.

**VI. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.**

### JAPANESE WEDDING CUSTOMS

The Japanese (1) \_\_\_\_ of “san-san-kudo”, the three-by-three exchange is rich with (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is performed by the bride and groom and both sets of cups. The first 3 represent three couples, the bride and (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and their parents. The second 3 represent three human weaknesses: hatred, passion, and ignorance. “Ku” or 9 is a lucky number in Japanese cultural, and “do” means escape from the three weaknesses.

Another highlight of this ceremony is a rosary with 21 beads that represent the couple, their families and the Buddha all joined on one string to symbolize the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the families. Part of the ceremony involves honoring the parents with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers, a toast, or a letter expressing their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and gratitude.

The crane is a symbol of longevity and prosperity and so 1,001 gold origami cranes are folded to bring (7) \_\_\_\_\_, good fortune, longevity, and peace to the marriage.

The bride traditionally wears two outfits: the shiro, which is a white kimono worn for the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the uchikake kimono which is a patterned brocade worn at the reception.

Plenty of courses are served during the reception, but never in a multiple of four because the number

four sounds like the word for (9) \_\_\_\_ . Additionally, the different foods served all have special meanings, for example lobster might be several because red is a (10) \_\_\_\_ color or clams served with both shells symbolize the couple's union.

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| 1. A. bride     | B. ritual     | C. law         | D. difference |
| 2. A. meaning   | B. regulation | C. multiple    | D. note       |
| 3. A. condition | B. culture    | C. relation    | D. groom      |
| 4. A. location  | B. shell      | C. union       | D. gratitude  |
| 5. A. wraps     | B. proves     | C. offers      | D. improves   |
| 6. A. love      | B. make       | C. hate        | D. life       |
| 7. A. nervous   | B. sad        | C. luck        | D. bad        |
| 8. A. inclusion | B. ceremony   | C. approach    | D. creation   |
| 9. A. life      | B. depth      | C. wedding     | D. death      |
| 10. A. trouble  | B. problem    | C. confliction | D. lucky      |