Unit 1. LIFE STORIES

PART 2: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. "How do you like your steak done?" – "____."

A. I don't like it B. Very little C. Well done D. Very much

2. "Oops! I'm sorry for stepping on your foot" – "____."

A. Never mind B. You don't mind C. You're welcome D. That's fine

3. Anne: "Fancy a bite to eat?" - Barbara: "____"

A. No thanks, I've just had some. B. No thanks, I've just had something.

C. No thanks, I'm not neatly very thirsty. D. No thanks, I'm trying to give up.

4. Receptionist: "Good morning." - Chris: "Good morning. I've come to ____ Mrs. Dabria."

A. see B. visit C. do business with D. hold a talk with

5. Arm and Mary are studying in their classroom.

Ann: "Can I borrow your dictionary?" – Mary: "____"

A. I'm afraid I can't B. Here you are! C. I think so. D. It doesn't matter.

6. Jack and Joe are discussing how to make salad for dinner.

Jack: "____" - Joe: "How about putting some grapes in it, instead?"

A. We could fry some onions with it too. B. I'd rather just have some bread, thanks.

C. Let's put some pieces of apple in the salad. D. Good idea! I'll go and make one.

7. - Would you mind lending me you bike?" – "____."

A. Yes. Here it is B. Not at all C. Great D. Yes, let's

8. Havy: "Thanks for your help, Judy." - Judy: "____."

A. With all my heart B. Never remind me C. It's my pleasure D. Wish you

II. Indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. His early death only cemented his legendary status, and Elvis Presley has become deeply **ingrained** in popular culture.

A. engrossed B. indulged C. deep-rooted D. supreme

2. A **distinctive** feature of Trump's business and real estate ventures has been the prominent use of his own name.

A. characteristic B. general C. common D. superficial

3. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who **devoted** her life to serving the poor and destitute around the

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world.

A. committed B. dedicated C. committed D. attended

4. Marilyn Monroe has become an iconic **representative** of fame and female beauty.

A. figure B. image C. typical D. idol

5. Marilyn Monroe was an **epitome** of sensuality, beauty and effervescence and was naturally photogenic.

A. frame B. indicator C. instructor D. figure

6. Despite the media often being dismissive of Monroe's potential, her efforts to improve acting **paid off**.

A. failed B. broke down C. managed D. met with success

7. Margaret Thatcher was known for her tough **uncompromising** conservative political views, and became dubbed as 'The Iron Lady'.

A. reserved B. inflexible C. narrow-minded D. compatible

8. He is commonly referred to as the "The King of Rock 'n' Roll" and **epitomizes** the post-war pop generation

A. be representative of B. leads C. elaborates D. expands on

9. Leonardo da Vinci created rare **masterpieces** of art such as The Mona Lisa' and 'The Last Supper'.

A. worthless works of art B. invaluable property

C. excellent qualifications D. excellent works of art

10. Da Vinci studied all aspects of life and his **far-reaching** investigations and discoveries sought to show an underlying unity of the universe.

A. insignificant B. finite C. extensive D. excessive

III. Indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Da Vinci from an early age began to display his **remarkable** academic and artistic talents.

A. striking B. extraordinary C. run-of-the-mill D. exceptional

2. Joachim Lafosse confirms his **exceptional** talent with "Free Student", a film that is more conventional in its form.

A. out of the ordinary B. abnormal C. usual D. odd

3. Van Gogh became one of the most **celebrated** artists of the twentieth century.

A. admired B. honored C. acclaimed D. obscure

4. Michael **stood out** for his exceptional enthusiasm and soft, infectious musical voice.

A. attract attention B. be inconspicuous C. be conspicuous D. stick out a mile

5. In recent years, Madonna has continued to tour, release albums and **engage in** humanitarian work.

A. throw oneself into B. become uninvolved in C. have a hand in D. take part in

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6. Henry VIII was equally **notorious** for his six marriages and several scandalous love affairs.

A. anonymous B. infamous C. celebrated D. ill-famed

7. The works Da Vinci did finish were often **spectacular** masterpieces, such as his paintings The Last Supper and The Mona Lisa.

A. magnificent B. out of this world C. unimpressive D. remarkable

8. The death of Diana princess had a **profound** impact on the British public and those in other countries.

A. far-reaching B. superficial C. deep-seated D. heartfelt

IV. Put the verb in the past simple tense or the past continuous.

1. When I (arrive) …….. at this house, he still (sleep) …….

2. The light (go) …….out while we (have) …….dinner.

3. Bill (have) …….breakfast when I (stop) …….at this house this morning.

4. She (wash) …….up when Tam (arrive) …….at this house.

5. As we (cross) …….the Street, we (see) …….an accident.

6. Tom (see) …….a serious accident while he (stand) …….at the bus stop.

7. The children (play) …….football when their mother (come) …….back home.

8. The bell (ring) …….while Tom (take) …….a bath.

9. He (sit) …….in a car when I (see) …….him.

10. We (clean) …….the house when she (come) …….yesterday.

V. Add "A/ AN/ THE/ X" to each of the following sentences.

1. He made his first attempt to engage in sporting activities four years ago with …… support of his family.

2. He was ……most talented football player that our school had produced in years. His talent for …… football was great.

3. He did ……Black Mountain hike with his friends, but had to check his blood glucose levels every four hours.

4. Do you know Professor Phan Huy Le whose great achievement was his books on ……history of Viet Nam in ……19th century?

5. ……following year, he took part in ……Melbourne Sunset run to raise funds for ……orphanage.

6. He wishes to straighten up and lead ……respectable life. He would like to be socially acceptable due to his good behavior.

7. He had to brake hard to avoid hitting ……truck in front.

8. Doing things with generosity will give us ……true happiness. ……more we give away, ……happier we are.

9. His career as ……journalist was full of distinguished achievements. He was ……respected and admired

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journalist.

10. Five years ago, when Edward was 35 years old, he was diagnosed with ……diabetes.

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

1. She has read ____ interesting book.

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

2. You'll get ____ shock if you touch ____ live wire with that screwdriver.

A. an/ the B. x/ the C. a/ a D. an/ the

3. Mr. Smith is ____ old customer and ____ honest man.

A. An/ the B. the/ an C. an/ an D. the/ the

4. I first met her four years ago when we ____ at a middle school.

A. had been studying B. are studying C. have been studying D. were studying

5. This school has an excellent ____ in the community.

A. image B. reputation C. name D. opinion

6. ____ youngest boy has just started going to ____ school.

A. a/ x B. x/ the C. an/ x D. the/ x

7. Do you go to ____ prison to visit him?

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

8. The boys broke a window when they ____ football.

A. played B. were playing C. half played D. are playing

9. In spite of having a peasant ____, Nguyen Hue had proved that he was really an excellent general, only gained victories.

A. situation B. experience C. condition D. background

10. As well as being a successful actor, Clint Eastwood is a ____ film director.

A. talent B. talented C. distinguish D. respectful

11. I ____ about him when suddenly he came in.

A. talk B. talked C. am talking D. was talking

12. At first, Microsoft had ____ hyphen in the name "Micro-soft", ____ combination of microcomputer and ____ software.

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

13. Le Loi used the ____ war, moving from little to large scale.

A. mid-term B. short-term C. long-term D. half term

14. Last night at this time, they ____ the same thing. She ____ and he ____ the newspaper.

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A. are doing/ is cooking/ is reading
B. were doing/ was cooking/ was reading
C. was doing/ has cooked/ is reading
D. had done/ was cooking/ read

15. When Carol ____ last night, I ____ my favorite show on television.

A. was calling/ watched
C. called/ was watching
B. called/ have watched
D. had called/ watched

VII. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that needs correction.

1. The shortage of cooking gas in North Korea raised prices: an example of how the law of supply and demand also apply to planned economies.

A. The shortage of B. raised C. an example of D. apply

2. In the latter half of the nineteenth century, physical techniques making it possible to determine the chemical constitution of stars.

A. latter half B. making it C. to determine D. of stars

3. In 1997, molecular biologist L. Mark Lagrimini of Ohio State University cloned the gene in that codes for a type of peroxidase found in tobacco plants.

A. In B. in that C. a type of D. found

4. Alpine Sainte nards are too good at following the scent of humans, even in snow, that they are used by ski patrols as rescue dogs.

A. too B. following C. used D. as

5. Booker T. Washington, head of the first industrial school for African Americans, was as popular with Southerners than he was with Northerners.

A. first industrial B. was C. popular with D. than he

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