

Unit 7. FURTHER EDUCATION

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. 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.

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| 1. A. <u>d</u> egree | B. <u>d</u> octorate | C. <u>g</u> raduate | D. <u>k</u> indergarten |
| 2. A. <u>b</u> achelor | B. <u>ch</u> apter | C. <u>ch</u> emistry | D. <u>te</u> acher |
| 3. A. <u>c</u> ulture | B. <u>st</u> udent | C. <u>in</u> stitution | D. <u>u</u> niversity |
| 4. A. <u>a</u> ppreciate | B. <u>p</u> sychology | C. <u>p</u> rogramme | D. <u>r</u> espectively |
| 5. A. <u>a</u> cademic | B. <u>a</u> pply | C. <u>a</u> pology | D. <u>a</u> chieve |

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 6. A. biology | B. geography | C. education | D. relationship |
| 7. A. broaden | B. provide | C. pursue | D. succeed |
| 8. A. college | B. degree | C. language | D. subject |
| 9. A. analytical | B. opportunity | C. qualification | D. university |
| 10. A. bachelor | B. diploma | C. internship | D. scholarship |

Part II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. It is not easy at all to get a good job without any ____ qualifications.
A. academic B. social C. great D. favourite
12. At the ____ level, you can join three-year or four-year colleges.
A. primary B. secondary C. postgraduate D. undergraduate
13. Hugh is quite worried because he hasn't ____ for the end-of-term test.
A. examined B. researched C. studied D. read
14. Any pupil caught ____ was made to stand at the front of the class.
A. misbehave B. misbehaved C. misbehaviour D. misbehaving
15. They ____ sacrifices so that their only child could have a good education.
A. made B. did C. provided D. lent
16. A university is an institution of higher education and research, which grants ____ degrees at all levels in a variety of subjects.
A. secondary B. optional C. academic D. vocational
17. You have to be highly ____ to do well in these subjects.
A. competitive B. competitor C. competition D. competed
18. I can't cope well ____ all the homework I've got to do!
A. on B. of C. about D. with
19. ____ education normally provides undergraduate and postgraduate education, as well as vocational education and training.
A. Intermediate B. Primary C. Secondary D. Tertiary

20. You'll find plenty of books on the ____ of business studies in the library.
A. lesson B. subject C. curriculum D. schedule
21. I wonder if you could tell me who was awarded the ____.
A. scholar B. scholastic C. scholarship D. scholarly
22. My dad said that I'd better spend more time on my ____.
A. student B. studied C. studious D. studies
23. He has got a degree ____ Information Technology from Oxford University.
A. in B. for C. on D. of
24. I don't really ____ the point of taking the exam when you are not ready for it.
A. annoy B. have C. see D. take
25. If you're not sure what "something" means, look it ____ in the dictionary.
A. for B. out C. at D. up
26. Mrs Dawson said that we are ____ our lesson in the library next Monday.
A. going B. having C. making D. reading
27. My dad wants me to go to university, but I'm in ____ minds about it.
A. different B. my C. some D. two
28. Yesterday, we had a discussion ____ different cultures.
A. about B. around C. for D. from
29. I still have a lot ____ about the English language.
A. for learning B. of learning C. learning D. to learn
30. Belinda missed a few months of school because of illness and found it difficult to keep ____ with her classmates.
A. on B. off C. down D. up
31. If you need to ____ the teacher's attention, just put up your hand.
A. attract B. pay C. take D. pull
32. I did six hours of ____ for the test, but I still failed.
A. education B. survey C. revision D. training
33. Please, don't forget ____ your essays during Friday's lesson.
A. hand in B. handing in C. to hand in D. to handing in
34. Australians and New Zealanders often have a/an ____ year before going to college or after finishing high school to travel overseas independently.
A. gap B. new C. busy D. graduation
35. It's my ____ ceremony next week; I think my parents are looking forward to it more than I am.
A. graduation B. graduate C. graduating D. graduates
36. Going to university is expensive because in addition to the tuition ____, there are expenses for accommodation, books, living costs, etc.
A. grants B. fees C. fares D. scholarships
37. When I got to 16, some of my friends left school to get a job, but most ____.

- A. dropped out B. moved back C. got in D. stayed on
38. The more ____ you have, the more chance you have of finding a better job.
A. courses B. contributions C. qualifications D. qualities
39. Next year, I have to decide which area of medicine I want to ____ in.
A. come B. focus C. hand D. specialise
40. I got a diploma in business administration, but still sometimes wish I had been able to go to university and get a ____.
A. certificate B. diploma C. degree D. scholarship

Exercise 4. 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.

41. When you sit for the exam tomorrow, try to stay calm and relaxed.
A. answer B. take C. make D. write
42. If the examiner can't make sense of what your essay is about, you'll get the low mark.
A. declare B. estimate C. communicate D. understand
43. If you want to get a high mark on a test, review the material carefully beforehand.
A. performance B. score C. figure D. note
44. Some students only cram for tests when there is little time left, so their results are not satisfactory.
A. prepare in a short period B. prepare in a long time
C. prepare well D. prepare badly
45. My application for the scholarship has been turned down because the transcript of marks is not satisfactory enough.
A. cancelled B. postponed C. reduced D. rejected

Exercise 5. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

46. Students also have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of optional courses in the university.
A. mandatory B. selective C. free D. limited
47. Tom did miserably on the final test, which caused a shock to everyone in the class.
A. took B. sat for C. failed D. passed
48. Schools are more relaxed nowadays as discipline is less tough than before.
A. accurate B. severe C. strict D. loose
49. Well, Mrs Baker, you'll be pleased to hear that George has made a dramatic improvement in geography.
A. meaningful B. important C. insignificant D. steady
50. Most of the students in our country are interested in pursuing higher education to get bachelor's degrees.
A. following B. giving up C. trying D. interrupting

Part III. GRAMMAR

Exercise 6. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

51. I ____ English for five years. I study it at school.
A. have been learning B. have learnt C. learnt D. am learning

52. You can have your book back now. I ____ it.
 A. have been reading B. have read C. had read D. read
53. You look upset. ____ you ____?
 A. Are – crying B. Do - cry C. Have - been crying D. Have - cried
54. How many times ____ you ____ that international conference?
 A. did – attend B. do - attend C. have - been attending D. have - attended
55. I ____ for my math textbook all day, but I ____ it yet.
 A. have been looking/haven't found B. have looked/haven't found
 C. have been looking/haven't been finding D. have looked/haven't been finding
56. Mum ____ all morning. She ____ lots of Christmas presents.
 A. has shopped/has bought B. has been shopping/has bought
 C. has been shopping/has been buying D. has shopped/has been buying
57. Kevin ____ his homework, but he ____ it yet.
 A. has been doing/hasn't been finishing B. has done/hasn't finished
 C. has been doing/hasn't finished D. has done/hasn't been finishing
58. Pete ____ at Midfield Secondary School since 2006, but he ____ music in his lessons twice.
 A. has been teaching/has only played B. has been teaching/has only been playing
 C. has taught/has only been playing D. has taught/has only played
59. I ____ the biography of Robbie Williams, but I'm on page 50.
 A. have read B. have been reading C. had read D. was reading
60. Jimmy can go out when he ____ for the exam.
 A. has been studying B. has been studied C. has studied D. studied
61. I ____ the latest *Harry Potter* book all day. I'm dying to know what happens in the end!
 A. am reading B. have been reading C. have read D. had read
62. So far I ____ any of the exams at school.
 A. haven't been failing B. hadn't failed C. didn't fail D. haven't failed
63. We ____ our classroom for the upcoming Teachers' Day, but there's still a lot to do.
 A. are decorating B. decorated C. have been decorating D. have decorated
64. Margaret ____ in the school marathon for charity before.
 A. has never run B. never runs C. never ran D. has never been running
65. My brother graduated from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology last month and ____ for a job since then.
 A. has been looking B. has looked C. was looking D. had looked
66. Tim ____ for the scholarship to study abroad in the USA at least twice.
 A. applied B. is applying C. has been applying D. has applied
67. All the students ____ for their academic transcripts all this week, but they ____ them yet.
 A. have waited/haven't received B. have been waiting/haven't received
 C. have waited/haven't been receiving D. have been waiting/haven't been receiving

68. I ____ for the information about the differences between further education and higher education all this morning.
- A. had searched B. have been searched C. have been searching D. have searched
69. It's the first time you ____ an online course, isn't it?
- A. had ever taken B. have ever been taking C. ever took D. have ever taken
70. The teacher ____ the speaking task on the board, so now the students are discussing it.
- A. has already been writing B. has already written
C. already wrote D. had already written
71. Sandy ____ his sister since she ____ to university in 2014.
- A. hadn't seen/went B. hasn't been seeing/went
C. didn't see/has gone D. hasn't seen/went
72. They ____ to Spain for an educational exchange and won't be back until the end of this month.
- A. have gone B. went C. have been going D. is going
73. Poor Tracy! She ____ that essay for hours now and she still ____.
- A. has written/hasn't finished B. has been writing/didn't finish
C. has been writing/hasn't finished D. has written/hasn't been finishing
74. Tom and Mary are still discussing the math exercise with each other because they ____ how to do it.
- A. aren't working out B. haven't worked out
C. haven't been working out D. didn't work out
75. I ____ reading a wonderful book about space travel.
- A. just finish B. just do finish C. have just finished D. have just been finishing
76. As a rule, you shouldn't argue with your hosts unless they ____ something openly offensive.
- A. had said B. have been saying C. have said D. would say
77. Noah Webster an American Dictionary of the English Language in two volumes in 1828, and since then it ____ the recognised authority for usage in the United States.
- A. published/became B. has published/has become
C. published/was becoming D. published/has become
78. She ____ of great help to us because she ____ for such a long time with us.
- A. has been/had lived B. has been/has been living C. has been/lived D. was/has lived
79. I ____ the book yet so I can't tell you what happens.
- A. haven't finished B. haven't been finishing C. didn't finish D. hadn't finished
80. Peter has been a junior clerk for three years. Lately he ____ for a better post but so far he ____ anything.
- A. looks/hasn't found B. have looked/haven't found
C. has been looking/hasn't found D. has looked/hasn't found

Exercise 7. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

81. My brother has applied for that scholarship for months, but he has never succeeded yet.

A

B

C

D

82. I have been unable to make out what the lecturer was saying because we were right at the back of the hall.

A B C D

83. I have found a lot of informations about the history of English language teaching recently.

A B C D

84. Although there were a number of significant differences between the two systems, both countries share a

A B C

commitment to high quality education.

D

85. I have never been understanding why such a lot of people want to study abroad.

A B C D

86. It is the first time the Internet has ever applied in English teaching and learning in this remote district.

A B C D

87. Due to the geographical barrier, he has been deciding to choose distance education in order to get his

A B C D

university degree.

88. Lily couldn't answer any questions in the end-of-term examination this morning, but she thinks she

A B C

has failed.

D

89. I have started doing my homework when I got home from school, but I stopped to watch my favourite

A B C

music show.

D

90. Prof. Daniel, who has been working in our faculty for almost 15 years, is giving a seminar on further

A B C

education to students on next Friday.

D

Part IV. SPEAKING

Exercise 8. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

91. "Could you pass that book over to me, please?" – " ____ "

A. Yes, of course. B. No, why not? C. Actually, I'm busy. D. Yes, go ahead.

92. "If I were you, I would apply for the scholarship to the University of Melbourne." – " ____ "

A. I'm not afraid so. B. No way! C. I guess I should. D. I hope so.

93. "I hear you've passed your exam. Congratulations!" – " ____ "

A. What a pity! B. You're welcome. C. I'm alright. D. Thank you.

94. "Why do you choose French as your second major?" – " ____ "

A. Because it's quite like English. B. Because they are friendly.
C. I don't really care. D. It's nice to say so.

95. "Can I have a quick look at your lecture notes?" – " ____ "
- A. Of course not today. B. So far, so good!
C. No, I don't think so. D. Sorry, I'm using them myself.
96. - "Let's go to the Dr. Millet's seminar on learning styles this afternoon!"
- " ____ "
- A. I wish I could but I'm busy then. B. Learning styles are really subjective.
C. Thanks, I won't. D. I would if I were you.
97. - "Mom, I've received an offer for a summer internship in Singapore!"
- " ____ "
- A. Really? Good luck! B. Oh, that's great! Congratulations!
C. I couldn't agree more. D. Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.
98. "Sorry, I'm late! May I come in, Miss Millie?" – " ____ "
- A. Yes, come in, please! B. Not right now. C. Let's do it! D. I guess so.
99. "What an imaginative essay you've written, Matt!" – " ____ "
- A. That's the least I could do. B. Actually, I don't mind.
C. Thanks, it's nice of you to say so. D. Sorry, just my luck!
100. - "It was very kind of you to help me with the difficult homework!"
A. Oh, don't mention it. B. Sorry, I don't know. C. That sounds nice. D. Thanks a lot.
101. "Do you mind if I use your dictionary for a while?" – " ____ "
- A. Yes, I don't mind. B. No, I don't think so. C. Yes, go ahead. D. No, go right ahead.
102. "Work harder or you'll fail the exam!" – " ____ "
- A. Oh, that's fine for me! B. Thanks, I will. C. That sounds great! D. Sure, go ahead!
103. "I'm sorry, teacher. I've left my exercise book at home today!" – " ____ "
- A. I'm afraid, you can't. B. Well, don't do that again next time.
C. No, of course not. D. I hope you won't.
104. "Shall I lend you a hand with the survey questionnaire?" – " ____ "
- A. Yes, I'd love to. B. That sounds interesting!
C. Sure! That would be great help! D. How about tomorrow?
105. - "I'll celebrate my graduation party this weekend. Could you come?"
- " ____ "
- A. Yes, of course, I will. B. How can this be?
C. The more, the merrier. D. Great work! Keep up!

Part V. READING

Exercise 9. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

One way of training for your future occupation in Germany is by pursuing a dual vocational training programme. Such programmes offer plenty of opportunity for on-the-job training and work experience. Programmes usually last between two and three and a half years and comprise theoretical as well as

practical elements. You will spend one or two days a week, or several weeks at once, at a vocational school where you will acquire the theoretical knowledge that you will need in your future occupation. The rest of the time will be spent at a company. There you get to apply your newly acquired knowledge in practice, for example by learning to operate machinery. You will get to know what your company does, learn how **it** operates and find out if you can see yourself working there after completing your training.

This combination of theory and practice gives you a real head start into your job: by the time you have completed your training, you will not only have the required technical knowledge, but you will also have **hands-on** experience in your job. There are around 350 officially recognised training programmes in Germany, so chances are good that one of them will suit your interests and talents. You can find out which one that might be by visiting one of the jobs and vocational training fairs which are organised in many German cities at different times in the year.

Employment prospects for students who have completed a dual vocational training programme are very good. This is one of the reasons why this kind of training is very popular with young Germans: around two thirds of all students leaving school go on to start a vocational training programme.

106. Which of the following is probably the best title of the passage?

- A. Employment Opportunities and Prospects in Germany
- B. Higher Education System in Germany
- C. Dual Vocational Training System in Germany
- D. Combination of Theory and Practice in Studying in Germany

107. The word "**it**" in the first paragraph refers to ____.

- A. company
- B. machinery
- C. knowledge
- D. organisation

108. Which of the following statements best describes the dual vocational training programmes?

- A. These programmes consist of an intensive theoretical course of two and a half years at a vocational school.
- B. These programmes require you to have only practical working time at a certain company.
- C. These programmes offer you some necessary technical skills to do your future job.
- D. These programmes provide you with both theoretical knowledge and practical working experience.

109. The word "**hands-on**" in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. theoretical
- B. practical
- C. technical
- D. integral

110. How many German school leavers choose this vocational training programme?

- A. well over 75%
- B. around one out of five
- C. less than a third
- D. about 70%

Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Do you think education is better now than it was in your grandparents' time? Many older people in the UK believe the opposite. "Schools were better in our day," they complain. "There isn't enough discipline these days. Kids don't work as hard as we did, either. The syllabus isn't as challenging, so

clever students aren't being stretched enough. They need to study things in greater depth. Exams are much, much easier now as well."

Were schools better years ago? Some British teenagers travelled back in time to a 1950s boarding school. They got a big surprise! The first shock came when the teenagers met their new teachers. Dressed in traditional black gowns, they look so frosty and uncaring! They were really **authoritarian**, too, so anyone caught breaking the rules - talking in classes, mucking about in the playground or playing truant - was in big trouble! Punishments included writing 'lines' or staying after class to do detention. The naughtiest kids were expelled.

Things were just as bad after class. At meal times the students had to endure a diet of plain, no-nonsense, healthy food. Homework was **obligatory** and it took ages! Copying essays off the Internet wasn't an option, as personal computers didn't exist in the 1950s!

At the end of 'term' everyone sat 1950s-style exams. The old exams were much longer than their twenty-first century equivalents and involved learning huge amounts of facts by heart. History papers were all dates and battles. Maths papers were trickier, too; calculators weren't around in the 1950s, so the students had to memorise multiplication tables and master long division. Our candidates found this really difficult.

The exam results surprised a lot of people. Students predicted to do well in their real-life, twenty-first century exams often got low grades in the 1950s exams. Does this prove modern exams are too easy?

Do twenty-first century kids rely too much on modern technology, like calculators and computers?

The TV series of *That 'll teach 'em!* focused on a 1960s vocational school. UK school-kids study a range of academic subjects these days. But in the 1960s, children judged to be less 'able' went to vocational schools. **These** helped them learn job skills. Boys studied subjects like metalwork, woodwork or gardening. In some classes, they even learned how to milk goats! The girls' timetables included secretarial skills. They also learned to cook, clean and sew - probably not much fun for most girls.

111. What criticism is sometimes made about modern education in the first paragraph?

- A. Teachers aren't strict enough.
- B. The syllabus is out of date.
- C. There's too much stress on exams.
- D. The teaching methods are not good enough.

112. The word "**authoritarian**" in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. inexperienced
- B. impolite
- C. unreasonable
- D. strict

113. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the food the students ate at school?

- A. It wasn't cooked properly.
- B. It wasn't delicious.
- C. It wasn't nutritious.
- D. There wasn't much of it.

114. The word "**obligatory**" in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. compulsory
- B. difficult
- C. long
- D. complicated

115. According to the passage, how did exams in the 1950s differ from those in the twenty-first century?

- A They covered more subjects.
- B. It took students less time to do them.