Part 1 **Listen and fill in the blank with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS.**

1. A new _____ superpower may soon form.
2. _____ from 16 countries finished talks yesterday at the very first East Asia Summit.
3. Their biggest aim is to _____ on trade to create the world's largest trading bloc, called the Asian Economic Community.
4. The Community would dominate _____ and compete with other regional alliances.
5. The AEC would include the ASEAN countries plus China, South Korea, Japan, India, _____ and New Zealand.
6. The idea is to _____ the dozens of free trade agreements between various countries in the region into one agreement.

Part 2 **Choose 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.**

1. **A.** capture **B.** catastrophic **C.** climate **D.** decisive
2. **A.** barrier **B.** charity **C.** fracture **D.** elegant
3. **A.** childcare **B.** chemistry **C.** challenging **D.** charm

Choose 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.

4. **A.** management **B.** loneliness **C.** impairment **D.** delicate
5. **A.** diversity **B.** economy **C.** protective **D.** difficulty

Part 3 **Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

1. She seemed _____ in the history of this country.

A. interesting **B.** interestingly **C.** interested **D.** interest

2. Viet Nam always desires to work with its partners on the basis of the _____ of respect for independence, equality and mutual benefit.

A. principle **B.** maintenance **C.** community **D.** stability

3. _____ on Sunday _____ she visited him.

A. It was – that **B.** It was – which **C.** It is – when **D.** It is – who

4. It's not easy_____ find a suitable job here.

A. to find **B.** finding **C.** to finding **D.** find

5. I appreciate her _____ after me so well.

A. to look **B.** looking **C.** to looking **D.** look

6. Lan: "_____." Mai: "That sounds great!"

A. What do you think of this story?

B. How about playing badminton after school?

C. What a beautiful sound!

D. In my opinion, the sound is so good.

7. Passengers _____ smoke on the bus.

A. mustn't **B.** can't **C.** needn't **D.** mightn't

8. My mother told me _____ the door when leaving home.

A. being locked **B.** locking **C.** to lock **D.** to be locked

9. Parents shouldn't put too much pressure _____ their children.

A. of **B.** in **C.** at **D.** on

10. The aim of the ASEAN Security Community (ASC) is to ensure that all countries in the region live together in _____.

A. peace **B.** peaceful **C.** peacefully **D.** peaceable

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction.

11. My brother advised me (**A**) <u>to not</u> buy a new motorbike (**B**) <u>because</u> it (**C**) <u>was</u> (**D**)<u>not necessary</u>.

12. When he arrived (**A**) <u>at</u> the (**B**) <u>shoe</u> shop, they (**C**) <u>have sold</u> the shoes he (**D**) <u>wanted</u>.

Part 4 **Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

Becoming independent is being able to take care of yourself and not having to (1) _____ on anyone else. That is what many young people (2) _____ for. However, to live independently, you need numerous life skills so as not to depend on your parents and older siblings. Among those skills, time (3) _____ is probably the most important one. With good time management skills, you can build your confidence and (4) _____. These skills will also help you perform your daily tasks, including your responsibilities at school and at home. In addition, you will not feel very stressed when exam dates are approaching. You can act more independently and (5) _____, get better grades at school and spend more time with your family and friends.

1. **A**. need	**B**. keep	**C**. trust	**D**. rely
2. **A**. strive	**B**. look	**C**. care	**D**. take
3. **A**. development	**B**. organization	**C**. entertainment	**D**. management
4. **A**. growth	**B**. self-esteem	**C**. self-defense	**D**. reflection
5. **A**. quickly	**B**. naturally	**C**. responsibly	**D**. dependent

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

For many Americans, a parent's most important task is to teach their children live independently. From an early age, most children get their own rooms and never sleep with their parents.

American parents help their kids to become self-reliant by making them do things such as washing, cleaning, and cooking for themselves from the time they are very small. To help to develop their children's confidence, American parents always show respect for them and let them **voice** their opinions on family issues.

Many Vietnamese parents think their most important role is to protect their children and provide them with a happy and wealthy childhood. Babies often sleep with their parents, and many children do not get to sleep in their own beds until they finish primary school.

While many children in rural areas have to work to contribute to the household expenses, most children in urban areas do not have to do anything but study. In both urban and rural areas, parents seldom ask for their children's opinions before making family choices.

Children do not move out of the family home before they get married. Even then, many parents still want the couple to live with them in the same house.

6. According to many Americans, what is the most important task of parents?

A. To teach their children to live independently.

B. To protect their children.

C. To provide their children with a happy and wealthy childhood.

D. To give their children advice.

7. Which activity is NOT of the things American parents make their kids do to help them become self-reliant?

A. washing **B.** cleaning **C.** cooking **D.** doing homework

8. When do Vietnamese children move out of their parent's home?

A. Before making family choices. **B.** After they finish school.

C. Before they get married. **D.** After they get married.

9. Which of the following sentences is TRUE?

A. American children often sleep with their parents.

B. American parents don't let their children voice their opinions on family issues.

C. American children start a truly independent life right before they finish school.

D. Vietnamese parents rarely ask for their children's opinions before making family choices.

10. The word "**voice**" in the passage mostly means _____.

A. agree with one's ideas **B.** produce a sound

C. give opinions **D.** open the mouth

Part 5 **Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.**

1. I haven't gone to work for a month.

→ The last _____.

2. They found it interesting to work in a team.

→ It was _____.

3. Mary left school early because she felt sick.

→ Feeling _____.

4. After he had been told to wash the dishes, Tom entered the kitchen with a frown.

→ Having _____.

5. They want to beat us, but that seems unrealistic.

→ Their goal _____.