UNIT 7. EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL - LEAVERS

B. PRACTICE EXERCISES

PART 1. 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.

1. A. event	B. exam	C. edit	D. enhance
2. A. sensible	B. business	C. person	D. institute
3. A. trade	B. date	C. place	D. map
4. A. check	B. chef	C. brochure	D. schedule
5. A. real	B. ready	C. threat	D. head

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.

1. A. subject	B. degree	C. market	D. expert
2. A. vocation	B. addition	C. graduate	D. advantage
3. A. different	B. specific	C. dependent	D. convenient
4. A. discussion	B. appointment	C. duration	D. bachelor
5. A. qualification	B. university	C. educational	D. representative

PART 2. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Exercise 1. Give the correct forms of words in brackets.

1. University students love their opportunity to live (DEPENDENT) …… and join different clubs.
2. They can get into university if they earn high grades or pass the university (ENTER) ____ ____ exam.
3. Having won several biology (COMPETE) ___ _____ , I want to study biology and become a scientist.

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4. (VOCATION) ____ ____ schools are those who want to develop skills for particular jobs.
5. He didn't get the job he wanted because he didn't have the right (QUALIFY) _____ _ .

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following sentences.

1. Having his father work very hard for many years helped Nam make his _____.
   A. decide B. decision C. decisive D. decisively
2. It's not hard for students to _____ university nowadays.
   A. focus on B. ask for C. succeed in D. get into
3. She is a _____ because she just left school.
   A. graduate B. school-leaver C. doctorate D. educator
4. We've talked to _____ experts about what young people should do after leaving school.
   A. educate B. education C. educational D. educator
5. He received many letters from secondary school students asking _____ the different options for school-leavers.
   A. for B. about C. to D. from
6. _____ is really for people who want formal learning to get an academic degree.
   A. Distance education B. Continuing education
   C. Service education D. Higher education
7. Vocational education will help you _____ the practical skills and knowledge necessary for a specific job.
   A. take B. catch C. gain D. keep
8. After getting their vocational qualifications, _____ can immediately start work and earn a salary.
   A. graduates B. school-leavers C. teachers D. professors
9. Apprenticeship provides students with _____ experience and gives them wages to cover their living costs.
   A. hands-off B. hands-free C. hands-on D. hands-down
10. He _____ getting one of the most prestigious companies' scholarships.
   A. focused on B. succeeded in C. asked about D. asked for
11. Students can get a _____ related to an academic subject at college or university.

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A. certificate B. credit C. degree D. qualification

12. _____ is a period of time working for and learning from a skilled person.

A. Apprenticeship B. Probation C. Undergraduate D. Postgraduate

13. He has worked as a visiting lecturer for various educational _____.

A. institutions B. secondary schools C universities D. primary schools

14. In England students must stay in _____ education or do a training course until the age of 18.

A. sixth-form B. apprentice C. full-time D. part-time

15. Exams are taken at the end of the two-year course and the grades are used to _____ university courses.

A. apply for B. get into C. refer to D. go on

Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

1. In the UK students usually focus _____ three or four subjects they are interested in or related to the degree they want to study at university.
2. Nowadays there are educational opportunities available _____ all school-leavers.
3. At vocational schools, the students can do apprenticeship and get experience _____ the job.
4. Students with IELTS certificates have an advantage _____ students having no English certificates.
5. He was proud _____ having won first place in the competition.

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 sentences.

1. I want to become a restaurant cook, so I'm looking for a **professional** cooking course.

A. checked B. trained C. accepted D. connected

2. We can learn a lot about a particular school from its school's **brochure** which has a lot of information.

A. information handbook B. notebook

C. diary D. dictionary

3. My mother is an **expert** at making cakes. She usually sells her cakes to famous restaurants.

A. learner B. teacher C. master D. trainer

4. Some students **pursue** their passions in music or art instead of other academic subjects.

A. follow B. try C. fulfill D. last

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5. They will participate in workshops and get **hands-on** experience leading classes.
A. sensible B. formal C. official D. practical

Exercise 5: **Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.**

1. My mother remembered _____ visited this place.
A. having B. have C. had D. has

2. _____ talked with my teacher helped me understand the lesson better.
A. Had B. Having C. Have D. Has

3. Nam regretted not having _____ the university entrance exam.
A. taking B. take C. taken D. took

4. My parents were proud of having _____ the best schools in the area for me and my brothers.
A. choose B. choosing C. chose D. chosen

5. _____ studied the brochure carefully, my brother decided to apply for the hotel management course.
A. Having B. Having been C. Have D. Had

6. Having made the wrong decision, he _____ interest in studying the subject.
A. having lost B. lost C. have lost D. having

7. Not _____ read the text, he couldn't answer the questions.
A. having had B. having been C. having D. have

8. Having _____ carefully for the exam, she could answer all the questions easily.
A. been revised B. had revised C. revise D. revised

Exercise 6: **There is a mistake in each sentence. Find the mistake and correct it. Use perfect participle clauses or perfect gerunds.**

1. My father remembered having meet the man in his office.

2. Having have a difficult childhood affected his confidence.

3. Not have taken a professional cooking course, he couldn't find a job as a restaurant cook.

4. He denied have posted negative comments about the school on social media.

5. Having fail the university entrance exam, she decided to go to a vocational school.

6. Not have spent enough time on studying, he didn't pass the exam.

7. Have finished a professional cooking course, my brother got a job as a restaurant cook.

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8. Having talk with his cousin about future jobs, Tam changed his initial plan.

Exercise 7. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.
Decide whether the underlined parts are perfect gerund (PG) or perfect participle (PP).

1. Having won the championship, the team celebrated their victory.
2. I remember having visited that museum when I was a child.
3. The students admitted having copied portions of their assignments from the internet.
4. We are proud of having built a successful business from scratch.
5. We congratulated Sarah on having been promoted to the position of manager.
6. Having completed his degree gave John more confidence to enter the workforce.
7. Not having read the book, he can't give us his opinion.
8. He apologized for having arrived late to the important presentation.
9. Having learned to play the guitar, he entertained the crowd with his music.
10. Not having studied hard enough, I failed the entrance exam.

PART 3. WRITING

Exercise 8. Rewrite these sentences using perfect participle clauses or perfect gerunds. Add commas where necessary.

1. My mother didn't go to university. She regretted it.
→ _____ to university.
2. My sister finished school. Then she went to a vocational school to train to be a tour guide.
→ _____ went to a vocational school to train to be a tour guide.
3. My grandfather did not remember that he had lost his reading glasses.
→ _____ his reading glasses.
4. My brother wrote his first travel book after he had returned from Japan.
→ _____ wrote his first travel book.
5. Trang won the first prize in the competition. She is very proud of this.
→ _____ the first prize in the competition.
6. Nam worked as a mechanic's apprentice and learnt useful job skills.
→ _____ learnt useful job skills.
7. Phong achieved excellent grades at school, so he improved his chances of getting into a top university.
→ _____ improved his chances of getting into a top university.
8. I spent a lot of time talking to her, and I realised she was not telling me the truth.
→ _____ realised she was not telling me the truth.

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Exercise 9: Rewrite these sentences using perfect gerunds or perfect participle clauses.

1. After I had prepared well for my final exam, I felt fairly confident about my success.

→ Having prepared well for my final exam
helped

_____
.

2. "You have cheated on the exam," said the teacher.

→ The teacher accused the students
of

_____
.

3. "No, I have never seen the confidential document on my coworker's desk," said he.

→ He
denied

_____
.

4. Sarah had studied diligently, so she felt confident about her upcoming exam.

→ Having studied
diligently,

_____
.

5. They saved enough money, and then they planned an exciting vacation abroad.

→
Having

_____
.

Exercise 10: Rewrite the questions without changing their meanings.

1. Does your language centre offer English courses?

→ Could you please tell me _____?

2. What is the average class size at your school?

→ I want to know _____.

3. How much does a course for beginners cost?

→ I would be grateful if you could tell me _____.

4. Do all your teachers have professional teaching qualifications?

→ Would you mind telling me _____?

5. Could you send your school brochure to my address?

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→ It would be great if _____.
6. Can I start classes immediately?
→ I'd like to know _____.
7. What facilities do you provide at your school?
→ I'd appreciate it if you could _____.
8. Do you have any online resources for self-study?
→ I wonder _____.

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