

Unit 1. LIFE STORIES

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word or phrase which does not contain the same sound as the other three.

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| 1. A. aid | B. aide | C. add | D. ade |
| 2. A. aisle | B. all | C. isle | D. I'll |
| 3. A. they're | B. their | C. there | D. the |
| 4. A. bus | B. by | C. bye | D. buy |
| 5. A. carrot | B. carat | C. carries | D. caret |
| 6. A. sense | B. sent | C. scents | D. cents |
| 7. A. does | B. doze | C. doughs | D. dust |
| 8. A. form | B. four | C. fore | D. for |
| 9. A. praise | B. prays | C. prize | D. preys |
| 10. A. cite | B. site | C. sink | D. sight |

Part II. VOCABULARY

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

11. Martin Luther King devoted his life to the ____ of voting right for black people.
A. effort B. realization C. achievement D. performance
12. His father used to be a ____ professor at the university. Many students worshipped him..
A. distinct B. distinctive C. distinguishing D. distinguished
13. Mark Zuckerberg's enormous success has taken a lot of hardwork and ____.
A. indifference B. dedication C. loyalty D. reputation
14. I can't believe she didn't do anything for the company. I will ____ and be in charge.
A. take over B. take on C. take up D. take in
15. During the Medieval period, people were made public ____ of being witches.
A. complaint B. criminal C. trouble D. accusation
16. That disable boy's victory in the race set the ____ example to all students in the school.
A. finest B. first-class C. rarest D. most convenient
17. A ____ once said "It is a sweet and honourable thing to die for your country."
A. patriotism B. patriotic C. patriot D. patrol
18. He is ____-influenced by his father and grandfather. His behaviors and decisions are exactly the same.
A. mightily B. strongly C. terribly D. weakly

19. iPhone 7 is the latest ____ in the field of smartphone design of Apple.
A. creator B. create C. creativity D. creation
20. Einstein ____ a great impact on modern physics.
A. feels B. does C. a D. has
21. It is the underserved ____ that damaged his life and his family.
A. reputable B. repute C. reputation D. disrepute
22. At the age of 50, Robby William ____ his career after spending his twenty years playing electric guitar.
A. moved B. changed C. adjusted D. stopped
23. She has a wonderful voice but unfortunately, she never gets the ____ to sing in public.
A. event B. occasion C. ability D. chance
24. Michael Hart was the ____ of Project Gutenberg, one of the longest-lasting online library projects.
A. founder B. author C. architect D. father
25. She is not a very nice girl. She seems to enjoy the ____ of others.
A. unfortune B. misfortune C. disfortune D. infortune
26. We ____ the kittens carefully and sold them for a good profit.
A. brought up B. grew up C. rose D. aroused
27. The stores will inevitably end up ____ with each other to increase their market shares.
A. contesting B. contending C. competing D. completing
28. Bill Gates has made large donations to numerous ____ organizations.
A. charitable B. charitably C. charity D. charities
29. Thanks to the help of the teacher, she is ____ encouraging progress in math.
A. doing B. making C. checking D. stopping
30. The ____ of the soil reduced the productivity of the farm.
A. fertility B. hardship C. poverty D. inadequacy

Exercise 3. 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.

31. The speaker paused. He hesitated to answer the direct question raised by the audience.
A. decided B. continued C. determined D. wavered
32. Her courage not only inspired her followers but moved her rivals as well.
A. depressed B. motivated C. overlooked D. rejected
33. The government's plans to cut taxes really stimulated the economy.
A. discouraged B. started C. weakened D. improved

34. Chauvet Jeans was a well-known nineteen century painter whose paintings are extraordinarily sophisticated.
 A. old-fashioned B. basic C. primitive D. complex
35. Some rock stars started off as rebels with strong and broad principles.
 A. beliefs B. honour C. formulas D. law
36. I used to idolize David Beckham because of his dedication and talent.
 A. hate B. impress C. worship D. detest
37. Linda is very outgoing, however, her brother is quite reserved.
 A. open B. sociable C. easygoing D. shy
38. Ideally, I'd like to work at home but there is no way my boss agrees with that.
 A. Generally B. Luckily C. Preferably D. Fortunately
39. Morgan Freeman began to land big roles and won critical and popular acclaim after years of small parts and limited success.
 A. arrive B. gain C. deliver D. Cause
40. Recognizable smaller than most of the kids in his age group, Lionel Messi was diagnosed by doctors as suffering from a hormone deficiency that restricted his growth.
 A. inadequacy B. sufficiency C. abundance D. strength

Exercise 4. 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.

41. During the Great Depression, many people suddenly found themselves jobless after a night.
 A. unemployed B. redundant C. unoccupied D. supplementary
42. I was relieved by the news that they had gone home safe and sound.
 A. comforted B. concerned C. relaxed D. lightened
43. She comes from an admirable and respectable family.
 A. good B. respected C. unworthy D. dignified
44. They are going to have to amputate his left leg which was badly injured in the accident.
 A. remove B. separate C. cut off D. mend
45. Her identity will never be revealed in order to protect her children from being judged.
 A. uncovered B. proclaimed C. leaked D. hid
46. There are several interesting things emerging from the report.
 A. fading B. rising C. coming up D. developing
47. This boy is poorly-educated and doesn't know how to behave properly.
 A. uneducated B. knowledgeable C. ignorant D. rude

48. I prefer reading fictional stories to hearing about real events.

A. imaginary B. unreal C. existent D. legendary

49. It is not fair to give such a challenging task to an inexperienced staff like her.

A. comprehensible B. difficult C. provocative D. intriguing

50. White blood cells help defend the body against infection.

A. fight B. cover C. protect D. abandon