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UNIT 2: LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

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LANGUAGE FOCUS

PRONUNCIATION

I. Circle the word having the underlined part pronounced differently in each line. Then listen and repeat. (6)

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| 1. A. pig | B. tick | C. give | D. find |
| 2. A. high | B. kind | C. rib | D. price |
| 3. A. about | B. village | C. pagoda | D. canal |
| 4. A. buffalo | B. natural | C. capital | D. camera |
| 5. A. education | B. security | C. decide | D. harvest |

II. Circle the word which has a different stress pattern in each line. (7)

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| 1. A. nature | B. orchard | C. village | D. bamboo |
| 2. A. rural | B. ideal | C. basic | D. paddy |
| 3. A. countryside | B. neighborhood | C. tradition | D. resident |
| 4. A. peaceful | B. amazed | C. unspoilt | D. essential |
| 5. A. hospitable | B. enjoyable | C. supportive | D. picturesque |

VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

III. Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

- The villagers are looking forward to a bumper **crop** / **products** this year.
- The farmers often **plough** / **nurture** the fields and leave them for a while before planting new crops.
- Picking** / **Collecting** apples is one of the favourite part-time jobs for those students.
- Putting up** / **Building** a camp is not an easy task for the kids but they managed to do it.
- In the city, the **pace** / **rate** of life is far faster than in the countryside.



IV. Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

- The _____ climate allowed the inhabitants to grow variety of fruits.
A. hostile B. hospital C. hospitable D. hospitalize
- Local people were unhappy because a / an _____ area of farming land was turned into construction site, leaving them less land for cultivation.
A. vast B. picturesque C. surrounded D. unspoilt
- Despite some _____ of living in the countryside, I find it an ideal place to escape from the city's noise and stress.
A. convenience B. convenient C. inconvenience D. inconvenient
- The small town looks _____ in the evening sunlight. You can hardly see a person or a vehicle.
A. busy B. tranquil C. relaxed D. dull
- The area around our small town is famous for its _____ landscape. Things look old-fashioned and pretty.
A. hospitable B. tranquil C. modern D. picturesque

V. Complete the sentences with the comparative forms of the adverbs in brackets.

- I come back to my hometown (often) _____ than her.
- You should drive (slow) _____ when you enter residential zones.
- To pass the coming exams, we are working much (hard) _____ than ever.
- In the countryside, people tend to wake up (early) _____ than city dwellers.
- He knows the countryside much (well) _____ than the city since he has spent his life time here.

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

- They have to wait for two weeks after they _____ pesticides to pick the produce.
A. plough B. irrigate C. spray D. water
- During the _____ time, farmers get up earlier and work harder than usual to collect the crops.
A. crop B. harvest C. farming D. irrigation

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3. In the countryside, you can enjoy fresh and local _____ that you may not be able to find in the city.

- A. produce B. crops C. harvests D. cattle

4. The inhabitants of the village live _____ now than in the past thanks to the better living conditions.

- A. more richly B. much wealthier
C. more comfortably D. more health

5. _____ cattle is a practice of caring for roaming cattle that people started to do 10,000 years ago.

- A. Raising B. Herding C. Caring D. Growing

6. Drivers have to speed down to avoid crashing into a _____ of cows on the road.

- A. school B. swarm C. herd D. crowd

7. - Mr Ha: I'm glad you have a bumper crop this year!

- Mr Nam: _____

- A. Are you kidding? B. I hope so. C. I don't think so. D. Thank you.

8. Traffic systems in big cities are normally _____ to follow than those in the countryside.

- A. more complicated B. more complicatedly
C. more hardly D. hard

9. - Tom: I really love the local craft you gave me yesterday.

- Mai: _____

- A. Alright, it's just a small gift. B. I'm glad you like it.
C. Really? Do you really like it? D. Do you? I hope so.

10. The Smiths said goodbye to the _____ of city life and moved to live in the peaceful countryside.

- A. hustle and bustle B. tranquility
C. activity D. busy as a bee

11. The school is _____ located for children to come, so more children of the village go to school.

- A. more inconveniently B. more conveniently
C. more nearly D. nearly

12. In the cities, libraries are _____ than those in the countryside, so children have more chances to observe experiments.
- A. poorly equipped B. well equipped
C. better equipped D. badly equipped
13. The village is populated _____ than the urban areas. There are just some hundred households here.
- A. more densely B. less dense C. thinner D. more thinly
14. The small village in the north of the country is poor due to the _____ weather conditions. Locals can hardly grow any produce.
- A. favourable B. hospitable C. inhospitable D. favoured
15. We prefer living a kind of _____ way of life to the stressful city life.
- A. country bumpkin B. bustling
C. dead as a dodo D. out of the blue



READING

VII. Read the following passage about Maggie and Claudia's opinions of countryside life in the UK, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Maggie

Maggie is from Shanghai and moved to live in a village near York. The village life here is wonderful. There is a great sense of community. Neighbours often greet each other in the street and the post office is the main place of contact. It's more relaxed and you can't tell who has money and who hasn't.

The residents of my village are hardly multi-cultural, and they seem easy going. Even if local people are curious about my background, so far no one has said anything. English people don't ask direct questions, they go around the moon to meet the sun. Children, however, are much more direct.

Claudia

Claudia is working in East Asia, moved to live in England. It's more difficult to live in the countryside due to the isolation. For internationals who are used to city life like me, living in an English country village presents challenges. There aren't so many facilities as in a city and transport links aren't so well-developed. It can also be harder to find communities that have similar ideas and interests.

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