

## UNIT 2: LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

### A. PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

1. A. activity                      B. ship                              C. dinner                          D. kitechen
2. A. begin                          B. possible                        C. sit                                  D. harvest
3. A. sky                              B. shy                                C. mystery                        D. why
4. A. chicken                        B. excellent                        C. open                              D. problem
5. A. ago                                B. pasta                              C. banana                        D. shortage

### B. VOCABULARY

I. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

hospitable	paddy field	cultivate	load	well-trained
canals	orchards	herding	surrounded	combine harvester

1. Villagers in the northeast regions \_\_\_\_\_ mostly rice and corn.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and rivers form the waterways of the Mekong Delta.
3. He sometimes goes \_\_\_\_\_ the buffalos over several kilometres from home.
4. Most countryside houses are \_\_\_\_\_ by green trees and rice fields.
5. In my province, people often \_\_\_\_\_ rice onto boats and transport it on rivers.
6. Water buffalos are still used to pull the ploughs through the muddy and flooded \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Vinh Long is a beautiful farm province, with grapefruit and orange \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere.
8. Farmers in my homeland are \_\_\_\_\_, opening to sharing, and welcoming on their farm.
9. The modern \_\_\_\_\_ is a machine designed to harvest a variety of grain crops.
10. Rides on \_\_\_\_\_ horses are an incredible experience in their beautiful countryside.

II. Fill in the blanks with the verbs in the box.

grow	stretch	plough	fly	unload	feed	dry	milk	catch	harvest
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1. There isn't enough wind to \_\_\_\_\_ a kite, so let's walk home.
2. Our family \_\_\_\_\_ the cabbage and turnips from our field.
3. Their fields \_\_\_\_\_ about 5 km, or 3 miles, north to south.
4. I helped her \_\_\_\_\_ to the cows, to feed the chickens, and to plant carrots.
5. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ rice grain as soon as possible after harvesting.
6. Her farm aims to grow enough barley to \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs in all seasons.
7. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ their fertile fields with oxen in the traditional way.
8. If we don't \_\_\_\_\_ the grain soon, it will start rotting in the silos.
9. Do you want to know how to \_\_\_\_\_ fruit trees in your own garden?
10. You can \_\_\_\_\_ fish with a hook in a small pond near my house.

III. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Do you like to have a farm tour and try your hand at milking \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. cows                      B. fish                      C. pigs                      D. dogs
2. After harvesting rice, the farmers often \_\_\_\_\_ it in the sunlight.

- A. collect                      B. water                      C. dry                      D. plant
3. The farmers were \_\_\_\_\_ because they warmly welcomed us and accommodated our needs.  
A. hospitable                      B. healthy                      C. interesting                      D. well-trained
4. Ploughing the \_\_\_\_\_ with buffalos is a common cultivation method in the highlands.  
A. crops                      B. lakes                      C. ponds                      D. fields
5. It was so fun when we came to the point of herding the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. fruit                      B. trees                      C. cattle                      D. poultry
6. This national park is a \_\_\_\_\_ and tranquil place to go and visit.  
A. crowded                      B. peaceful                      C. noisy                      D. busy
7. As a main source of food, paddy rice is \_\_\_\_\_ in about 123 countries.  
A. picking                      B. growing                      C. loading                      D. herding
8. The farm has a \_\_\_\_\_ expanse of grassland for us to play football.  
A. vast                      B. short                      C. limited                      D. narrow
9. My cousin rode the bike \_\_\_\_\_ through the narrow soil paths.  
A. clearly                      B. skillfully                      C. exactly                      D. hardly
10. They got about 30 million tons of grain at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ season.  
A. planting                      B. watering                      C. ploughing                      D. harvesting

#### IV. Supply the correct form of the word in the brackets.

1. Have you ever taken a train to discover Britain's \_\_\_\_\_ countryside? (picture)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside north of Ha Noi still continue the tradition of water puppet shows. (village)
3. The river flows \_\_\_\_\_ in rural countryside between green fields. (quiet)
4. Raising animals was only secondary to other forms of \_\_\_\_\_. (farm)
5. There's nothing like the \_\_\_\_\_ of the countryside, the quiet and the lack of distraction. (peaceful)
6. People living in rural areas are likely to have unique \_\_\_\_\_ care needs. (support)
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Viet Nam comes from every aspect of life through photos, texts, poems, etc. (beautiful)
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ stopped work, sat down and started to eat and drink. (harvest)
9. Some thought him \_\_\_\_\_ because he disliked meeting people. (sociable)
10. The cost of \_\_\_\_\_ is much higher in cities than in the country. (live)

#### C. GRAMMAR

##### I. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

1. Horses, mountain bikes and feet work \_\_\_\_\_ on grasslands. (good/ well)
2. Agriculture is still based on \_\_\_\_\_ methods in some countries. (traditional/ traditionally)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ populated provinces present a different economic picture. (dense/ densely)
4. He is very \_\_\_\_\_ he often buys things for other people. (generous/ generously)
5. The village is \_\_\_\_\_ situated in a quiet spot near the river. (beautiful/ beautifully)
6. Our house is very central, so we can \_\_\_\_\_ get to theatres and cinemas. (easy/ easily)
7. They have replanted many areas with rare and \_\_\_\_\_ plants. (unusual/ unusually)
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ ran down the stairs to greet her cousins. (excited/ excitedly)
9. The Thompsons left their homeland and looked for a \_\_\_\_\_ place to stay. (permanent/ permanently)
10. Some reporters spoke \_\_\_\_\_ about rural development. (optimistic/ optimistically)

##### II. Supply the comparative form of the words in brackets. Add "than" where necessary.

1. Average incomes in rural areas are rising \_\_\_\_\_ those in the city. (slow)
2. The conditions they're living in are \_\_\_\_\_ we thought. (bad)
3. Your book looks \_\_\_\_\_ mine. Can I borrow it for some days? (interesting)

4. The evening in the countryside is often \_\_\_\_\_ that in the city. (peaceful)
5. Many families in the suburbs are \_\_\_\_\_ the ones you meet in the urban. (happy)
6. With the help of technology we can live \_\_\_\_\_ ever before. (convenient)
7. Watching football is one of Britain's top leisure activities, even \_\_\_\_\_ eating out. (popular)
8. Henderson said that he could run \_\_\_\_\_ anybody else in the class. (fast)
9. This year's harvest season seems to come a week \_\_\_\_\_ usual. (early)
10. All these students are good, but some work \_\_\_\_\_ others. (hard)

### III. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. This year's exam was much \_\_\_\_\_ than last year's.  
A. the harder      B. harder      C. more hardly      D. more hard
2. The growth rate of rice farms is \_\_\_\_\_ that of corn farms this year.  
A. higher more than    B. high more than    C. more higher than    D. higher than
3. I think living in the city is \_\_\_\_\_ living in the countryside.  
A. more expensive than      B. expensive more than  
C. as expensive more than      D. more than expensive
4. Our house in the town looks \_\_\_\_\_ than their house in the country.  
A. moderner      B. more moderner    C. more modern      D. modern
5. The development of cities happens \_\_\_\_\_ than that of the countryside.  
A. more rapidly      B. much rapidly      C. more rapid      D. more rapidly as
6. We could go back to the days when life was \_\_\_\_\_ it is today.  
A. slower than    B. slower than      C. slower      D. more slowly
7. I think you'll find going fishing \_\_\_\_\_ than playing mobile games.  
A. more relaxing much      B. much more relaxing  
C. more much relaxing      D. much relaxing more
8. My parents' farm is very big, but my uncle's is even \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. more bigger      B. more big      C. bigger than      D. bigger
9. Doing the shopping in the countryside is \_\_\_\_\_ that in cities.  
A. the least convenient      B. less conveniently than  
C. less convenient than      D. least conveniently
10. Adding fertilizer to the soil will help the plants to grow \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. more quick      B. quicklier      C. more quickly      D. quickly more

### IV. Choose the underlined part that needs correcting.

1. He feels more happily there than in a crowded and noisy city.  
A. more happily      B. there      C. in      D. crowded and noisy
2. When spring comes, we enjoy to pick flowers on the hill near our house.  
A. spring comes    B. to pick      C. on      D. near
3. The farmers in my region usually don't grow crops and flowers together.  
A. in      B. usually don't grow    C. and      D. together
4. It's not always true that living in the city is better than live in the countryside.  
A. It's      B. always true      C. the city      D. live
5. We helped them load the rice onto buffalo-drawn carts and transport them home.  
A. load      B. onto      C. buffalo-drawn carts    D. them
6. Will you help me putting up a tent when our school go camping next month?  
A. Will      B. putting      C. when      D. camping
7. Their village had no running water, so they collected water to the stream.

A. had no                      B. so                              C. collected                      D. to  
8. Kelvin was very kind and he acted more responsible than anyone in the class.

A. was                              B. kind                              C. responsible                      D. anyone

9. I lived happily in the farm and there was still more much to explore.

A. lived                              B. happily                              C. was                              D. more much

10. Which activity do you like most, herding a buffalo or riding a horse?

A. Which                              B. most                              C. herding                              D. riding

#### D. SPEAKING

##### I. Match the sentences.

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| 1. How was your stay in the countryside?                                 | a. Yes, they are.  |
| 2. Look at the clear blue sky.   | b. Their harvest time is in December.                            |
| 3. What did you do during your vacation?                                 | c. Why don't you like it?  |
| 4. The apricot tree is in full bloom.                                    | d. It was pleasant during the day but a little boring at night.  |
| 5. Are people in the countryside more optimistic than those in the city? | e. And its blossoms look lovely in the sun.                      |
| 6. Country life doesn't excite me at all.                                | f. So villagers can now use electrical appliances.               |
| 7. When is their harvest time?   | g. I'm glad that you like it.                                    |
| 8. Rice is now transported home on trucks.                               | h. What a beautiful sky it is today!                             |
| 9. The village has electricity now.                                      | i. Yes, but it used to be put on animal-drawn carts in the past. |
| 10. What a beautiful kite you have!                                      | j. Lots of things.   |

Answer:

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#### E. READING

##### I. Choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.

Today, people all over the world are moving out of small villages in the country to go and live in big, noisy cities. They are moving from the peaceful mountains, fields and rivers of the countryside to the busy world of streets, buildings, traffic and (1) \_\_\_\_\_. This movement from rural areas to urban areas has been going on for over two hundred years.

In many countries, the main reason why people come to live in towns and cities is work. After one or two large factories have been built in a town, people come to find work and a better (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and soon an industrial area begins to grow. There is usually a residential area nearby where the factory workers can live. The families of these workers need schools, shops and hospitals, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ more people come to live in the area to provide these services - and so a city grows.

A lot of people live in the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, far away from the industrial area and the city centre. Some suburbs are pleasant, with nice houses and parks for children to play, but others are poor, with old houses and bad conditions.

But what is the future of the big cities? Will they continue to get bigger and bigger? Perhaps yes. Some major cities have actually become bigger in the last ten years and it is quite possible that one day we will see people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the countryside and go to bigger towns and cities.

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| 1. A. crowded    | B. overcrowded | C. crowding  | D. crowds  |
| 2. A. living     | B. life        | C. live      | D. alive   |
| 3. A. but        | B. or          | C. so        | D. and     |
| 4. A. urban      | B. city centre | C. downtown  | D. suburbs |
| 5. A. moving out | B. coming      | C. moving in | D. leaving |

## F. WRITING

### I. Write complete comparative sentences with the cues given.

1. His farm/ big/ other farms/ neighbourhood

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2. Today/ he/ behave/ less/ responsibly/ he/ used to

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3. The traffic/ in/ city/ be/ always bad/ the morning

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4. My homework/ be/ all right,/ but/I/ could do/ well/ that

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5. people/ live/ healthily/ rural areas/ in/ cities?

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6. Yesterday/ Thomas/ arrive/ at school/ early/ other students

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7. I/ can/ fly a kite/ easily/ in/ farm/ many other places

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8. Our village/ be/ much/ less/ densely populated/ your city

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### II. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.

1. A horse doesn't plough as well as a buffalo.

→ A buffalo \_\_\_\_\_

2. The paddy field is so vast and green.

→ How \_\_\_\_\_

3. No flowers on the hill are as colourful as this one.

→ This is \_\_\_\_\_

4. The front yard has three orange trees.

→ There are \_\_\_\_\_

5. It was such a beautiful flower farm that lots of tourists came to enjoy it.

→ The flower farm \_\_\_\_\_

6. Brian is better at herding the cattle than William.

→ William is not \_\_\_\_\_

7. City people talk less optimistically about the future than people in rural areas.

→ People in rural areas \_\_\_\_\_

8. It's raining heavily, but he continues collecting rice on the farm.

→ Despite \_\_\_\_\_