

## PRACTICE

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.

- Question 1. A. imprison      B. informed      C. widen      D. hardship  
Question 2. A. lifelong      B. governess      C. obstacle      D. complex

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3. A. expand      B. pursuit      C. acquire      D. wonder  
Question 4. A. relevant      B. distraction      C. governess      D. obstacle

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

Question 5. With determination and self-motivation, you can overcome \_\_\_\_\_ of lifelong learning.

- A. pursuits      B. hardships      C. targets      D. attitudes

Question 6. Lifelong learning equips you with a myriad of skills, helping you to become a \_\_\_\_\_ individual.

- A. irrelevant      B. complex      C. well-rounded      D. distant

Question 7. He needs to \_\_\_\_\_ on his Chinese before going on a business trip to Nanjing next week.

- A. take up      B. move up      C. go up      D. brush up

Question 8. It's important to seek information from different sources in order to make \_\_\_\_\_ decisions about your future career.

- A. informed      B. well-rounded      C. sensitive      D. complex

Question 9. Lifelong learning helps to \_\_\_\_\_ adaptability as learners continuously acquire new knowledge and skills.

- A. wonder      B. imprison      C. boost      D. overcome

**Rewrite the following sentences.**

Question 10. "You should continue learning after leaving school," said the principal to them.  
→The \_\_\_\_\_ principal \_\_\_\_\_ advised

Question 11. "Find out more about the job you want to apply for," my mother said. (told)

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My

mother \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 12 to 14.

### Unlock your potential with our Adult Night Classes!

- Expand your skills and knowledge after (12) \_\_\_\_\_ work hours.
  - Convenient evening schedules to fit your busy lifestyle.
  - Expert instructors and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ curriculum to enhance your career prospects.
- Enrol now and invest (14) \_\_\_\_\_ your future success!

- Question 12. A. an                      B. the                      C. a                      D. Ø (no article)  
 Question 13. A. engage              B. engaging              C. engagement              D. engagingly  
 Question 14. A. on                      B. for                      C. in                      D. of

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph for the following question.**

**Question 15.**

- a. Furthermore, it promotes intellectual curiosity and critical thinking, enriching both personal and professional lives.  
 b. Thus, it is imperative to prioritise lifelong learning as a fundamental aspect of personal and professional development.  
 c. Lifelong learning is crucial in today's rapidly evolving world.  
 d. Moreover, lifelong learning fosters innovation and creativity, enabling individuals to stay competitive in their careers and seize new opportunities.  
 e. By embracing lifelong learning, individuals can deal with challenges with confidence and remain relevant in an ever-changing landscape.  
 f. Firstly, continuously acquiring new knowledge and skills not only enhances personal growth but also improves adaptability to changing circumstances.  
 A. c – f – a – b – e – d    B. c – f – d – a – e – b    C. c – d – a – e – f – b    D. c – e – a – f – d – b

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 16 to 20.**

Engaging in lifelong learning presents various challenges, including managing time, overcoming self-doubt, and (16) \_\_\_\_\_. Balancing work, family, and educational pursuits can be demanding, requiring effective time management and prioritisation. Additionally, navigating through unfamiliar subjects or learning methods can provoke feelings of uncertainty and frustration, (17) \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, keeping updated with advancements in technology can pose challenges, requiring continuous adaptation.

However, overcoming these hardships can (17) \_\_\_\_\_. Embracing lifelong learning enables us to broaden our horizons, enhance our skill set, and (18) \_\_\_\_\_ in a dynamic job market. It also fosters personal growth and self-fulfillment, enriching our lives in various ways. Despite the challenges, the rewards of lifelong learning are abundant, making it (20) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 16.**

- A. adapting at new technologies                      B. adapting to new technologies  
 C. adapting with new technologies                      D. adapting for new technologies

**Question 17.**

- A. that requires perseverance and self-confidence  
 B. requires perseverance and self-confidence  
 C. which requires perseverance and self-confidence  
 D. which require perseverance and self-confidence

**Question 18.**

- A. to make us more confident                      B. to make us less confident  
 C. make us more confident                      D. make us less confident

**Question 19.**

- A. remaining competitively                      B. remain competitively  
 C. remaining competitive                      D. remain competitive

**Question 20.**

- A. for our continuous development and success a worthwhile attempt
- B. our success and worthwhile attempt for a continuous development
- C. development and success of our continuous worthwhile attempt
- D. a worthwhile attempt for our continuous development and success

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 21 to 25.**

Bertie Gladwin became one of Britain's oldest graduates after receiving his Master's degree in intelligence history from the University of Buckingham at 91. He started his degree at the age of 89 together with his wife, (21) \_\_\_\_\_ was then aged 77. "I feel very satisfied to think that I've done an MA at my age," he said at the time. "When you're 90, you sit around and not a lot happens, so it's important to (22) \_\_\_\_\_ on learning and to broaden your horizons."

Gladwin left school at the age of 14 and never finished his secondary education or went to university. (23) \_\_\_\_\_ he still found a satisfying job. When Gladwin retired, he became less active and thought getting back into learning would delay the negative (24) \_\_\_\_\_ of old age. He wanted to keep his brain active and learn more about something that had always interested him. Then at the age of 60, he (25) \_\_\_\_\_ a BA in Psychology. By the time he was 70, he had also completed a BSc in Molecular Biology. "They're fascinating subjects," he said. "I did them just because I was interested in them and wanted to know more about them."

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| <b>Question 21.</b> A. which    | B. who       | C. that     | D. where   |
| <b>Question 22.</b> A. leave    | B. face      | C. carry    | D. run     |
| <b>Question 23.</b> A. So       | B. If        | C. Though   | D. But     |
| <b>Question 24.</b> A. purposes | B. struggles | C. symptoms | D. lessons |
| <b>Question 25.</b> A. laid     | B. found     | C. earned   | D. caused  |

**Read the following letter and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 26 to 30.**

Dear students,

In a few weeks' time, you'll complete your secondary education. Some of you may have already made plans for continuing your studies at university or vocational school, while **others** may wish to start working right away. Whatever choice you make, remember to keep on learning new knowledge and skills. 'Haven't we learnt enough in secondary school?', many may wonder. In fact, learning does not stop after graduation. It is a lifelong process. It involves creating and maintaining a positive attitude to learning for both professional and personal development. Lifelong learning is especially **relevant** in today's changing world. It allows you to adapt to changes in the modern workplace and widens your employment opportunities. It helps you make better, informed decisions and become a more well-rounded individual. In addition, it keeps your brain healthy and boosts your memory. Lifelong learning also helps you stay connected with modern ideas and meet new people as you participate in various forms of adult education. 'Does that mean I have to go to classes again?'. The answer is 'yes' and 'no'. Yes, because when you start working, you may decide to go to night school or enrol on a distance learning course to learn a skill or get a degree. The answer is also No, because lifelong learning happens all the time. As long as you are motivated, you can learn new knowledge and develop new skills anywhere. Uncle Ho is a great role model for lifelong learning. He never stopped learning throughout his life despite all the hardships and challenges. He learnt to speak different languages, including English, French, Russian, Italian, German, and Chinese mainly by himself. He even wrote poems in Chinese when he was imprisoned in China to keep his mind sharp. He took regular physical exercise, did traditional martial arts, and enjoyed activities such

as swimming and mountain climbing throughout his life. We can all learn from Uncle Ho's lifelong efforts to improve himself.

Remember that learning is a lifelong journey. Enjoy every moment of it.

Mrs Le Minh Ngoc

Head teacher

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**Question 26.** What is the main message conveyed in the letter?

- A. It's important to pursue higher education after graduating from high school
- B. Continue your learning at educational institutions to improve your employability
- C. Don't be discouraged by the challenges and hardships of lifelong learning
- D. Continue your learning after leaving school to better yourself and your career

**Question 27.** The word others in paragraph 1 is most likely to refer to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. other plans
- B. other students
- C. other studies
- D. other skills

**Question 28.** The word relevant in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. inappropriate
- B. reliable
- C. useful
- D. normal

**Question 29.** According to paragraph 2, all of the following are mentioned as a benefit of lifelong learning EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. it helps to improve your memory
- B. it turns you into a well-rounded person
- C. it enables you to expand your career opportunities
- D. it allows you to move up the promotion ladder

**Question 30.** Why did the head teacher mention Uncle Ho in paragraph 3?

- A. To illustrate his hard work and perseverance
- B. To give a prime example of lifelong learning
- C. To remind her students of his contributions
- D. To portray hardships he encountered in prison