

CITY LIFE

A. PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

I. Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.

1. A. wipe B. alive C. micro D. link
2. A. cleaner B. threat C. ahead D. instead
3. A. breathe B. ethane C. thank D. healthy
4. A. choose B. moon C. food D. look
5. A. burden B. survive C. curtain D. furnish
6. A. camel B. sandy C. travel D. stable
7. A. dune B. hummock C. scrublands D. gun
8. A. basic B. desert C. president D. season
9. A. separate B. network C. dessert D. crest
10. A. stretches B. slopes C. ranges D. faces

II. Choose a word in each line that has different stress pattern.

1. A. education B. facility C. development D. intelligence
2. A. metropolitan B. organization C. university D. multicultural
3. A. fascinate B. restaurant C. expensive D. difference
4. A. feature B. ancient C. drawback D. conduct
5. A. fabulous B. pagoda C. determine D. convenient

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Choose the best one (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentence.

1. Villagers are more kind, friendly and warm-hearted than city _____.
A. dwellers B. foreigners C. beginners D. movers
2. You can see the _____ of the suburbs in Ho Chi Minh City with many apartment buildings, supermarkets, shopping centres, and schools.
A. urban area B. convenience C. urban sprawl D. living condition
3. Dong Khoi Street is the main shopping street in the _____ of downtown in Ho Chi Minh City.
A. mind B. heart C. head D. spot
4. It is considered that life in a city is wonderful and _____.
A. funny B. boring C. enjoyable D. helpful
5. No city in America has _____ monuments and museums into one area as Washington, DC.
A. as much B. such many C. as many D. a few
6. My passport _____ last month, so I will have to get a new one.
A. elapsed B. expired C. ended D. terminated
7. The department is also deeply _____ in various improvement schemes.
A. connected B. entailed C. involved D. implied
8. His answer was so confused that I could hardly make any _____ of it at all.
A. interpretation B. meaning C. intelligibility D. sense
9. The main attraction of the job was that it offered the _____ to do the research.
A. possibility B. proposal C. opportunity D. prospect
10. I wish you'd tell me what I _____ do in this difficult situation.
A. shall B. would C. should D. ought
11. A competitor may submit any number of entries _____, each one is accompanied by a packet top.

- A. supposing B. notwithstanding C. assuredly D. provided
12. They always kept on good _____ with their next-door neighbours for the children's sake.
A. friendship B. relations C. will D. terms
13. He earns his living by _____ old paintings.
A. reviving B. restoring C. reforming D. replenishing
14. Hotel rooms must be _____ by noon, but luggage may be left with the porter.
A. vacated B. evacuated C. abandoned D. left
15. The majority of nurses are women, but in the higher ranks of the medical profession women are in a _____.
A. rarity B. minority C. scarcity D. minimum

II. Complete each of the following sentences with comparatives or superlatives. Add "the" where necessary.

- This is (**good**) _____ food I've ever eaten in this country.
- Peter's new haircut is (**trendy**) _____ than the previous one.
- The building looks much (**nice**) _____ in green than the previous white.
- I had to drive my car along (**narrow**) _____ road in the region.
- Nam's house is (**far**) _____ from the city centre than my house.
- In my opinion, living in the city is (**hard**) _____ than living in the country.
- I think this is (**noisy**) _____ part of the city.
- This place was (dangerous) _____ than we thought.
- Could you show me the way to (**near**) _____ bus stop?
- The trip to Nha Trang City was (**interesting**) _____ for us.

III. Give the correct form of the word in capital.

- Ha Noi, _____ the Old Quarter, become a perfect city for walking with handicraft shops, street food, etc. **ESPECIAL**
- Ha Long Bay, which means descending dragon, is the _____ heritage of the world with 1,6000 limestone islands. **NATURE**
- Below Sa Pa are _____ rice terraces in the endless valley. **PICTURE**
- Besides the beach, the main _____ in Da Nang is the Museum of Cham Sculpture with the world's largest collection of Cham artefacts. **ATTRACT**
- Hue becomes one of the most _____ destinations for travelers to Viet Nam with the number of three million tourists a year. **POPULARITY**
- Hoi An used to be one of the _____ ports of Southeast Asia, which were used by the Japanese, Portuguese, Dutch, French and Chinese merchants. **BUSY**
- Nha Trang, a _____ coastal city in Central Viet Nam, is generally recognized as Viet Nam's main beach destination. **DELIGHT**
- Formerly known as Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City is a metropolis which is still young but very _____. **DYNAMIST**
- The Mekong Delta is well-known for its busy waterways with many rivers, canals and streams _____ through the region. **FLOW**
- Phu Quoc Island is the _____ place for riding, snorkeling, scuba diving, and relaxing. **IDEA**