UNIT 1: HOME LIFE

I. Complete each of the following sentences with an appropriate word from the box.

frankly	**shifts**	**mischief**	**chores**	**confidence**
leftovers	**hands**	**close-knit**	**laboratory**	**trick**

1. I come from a _____ family; we never keep secrets from one another.
2. Spoiled children are often up to _____.
3. The more he fails, the more he loses _____ in his abilities.
4. _____ are the uneaten edible remains of a meal after the meal is over.
5. She speaks _____ about her broken-heart when love affairs fail.
6. It would be nice if we can join _____ to celebrate Valentine's Day.
7. Men do roughly 20 percent of household _____ like laundry and cleaning.
8. The thought of working night _____ put her off becoming a nurse.
9. Typical pharmaceutical scientists spend most of their time in a _____.
10. He didn't really have a serious accident - that's just a _____.

II. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. This insurance plan offers your family financial _____ in the event of your death. (SECURE)
2. She is a very _____ woman. She is always helpful and sympathetic toward other people. (CARE)
3. If you continue to _____ the rules, you will be punished. (OBEDIENT)
4. She was unable, or _____, to give me further details. (WILL)
5. She has been _____ involved in many human rights campaigns. (ACT)
6. They were seeking an ultimate _____ to the city's traffic problem. (SOLVE)
7. The electric company admitted their _____ for the blackout. (RESPOND)
8. My family has always been very _____ of what I do. (SUPPORT)
9. Students now live with a lot of _____ from their studies. (PRESS)

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10. Boys are considered more _____, and stubborn than girls. (MISCHIEF)

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in parentheses.

1. When Mrs. Chu _____ (hear) a strange noise, she _____ (get) up to investigate.
2. I _____ (not hear) the thunder during the storm last night because I _____ (sleep).
3. At eight o'clock last night, I _____ (practice) the piano.
4. When I _____ (be) a child, we _____ (make) our own amusement.
5. As I _____ (walk) down the road, I _____ (see) Bill.
6. I got a package in the mail. When I _____ (open) it, I _____ (find) a surprise.
7. While Jane _____ (wash) the dishes, her brothers _____ (watch) television.
8. I _____ (rewind) the rented video before I _____ (return) it to the store yesterday.
9. When he realized I _____ (look) at him, he _____ (turn) away.
10. He usually wears sandals but when I last _____ (see) him he _____ (wear) boots.
11. I was alone in the house at that time because Mr. Jones _____ (work) in the garage and Mrs. Jones _____ (shop).
12. When Glen _____ (open) the book, some pages _____ (fall) out.
13. Since she _____ (work) at the company she _____ (not have) a day off through illness.
14. It was the first time I _____ (talk) to Ella outside the office.
15. Mozart _____ (die) while he _____ (compose) the Requiem.
16. At the time of the robbery, they _____ (stay) with my parents.
17. Mr. Count _____ (work) as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he _____ (retire) and _____(go) to live in the country.

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18. The pollution problem _____ (get) worse over the last decade.
19. I _____ (not/ see) Jane for ages. When I last _____ (see) her, she _____ (try) to find a job.
20. In a surprise move, the Prime Minister _____ (resign) last night.
21. Alexander Graham Bell _____ (already/ invent) the telephone by the time I was born.
22. That's the first time I _____ (see) Jan embarrassed.
23. I didn't know who she was. I _____ (never/ see) her before.
24. I _____ (buy) a new alarm clock the other day in Taylor's the jewelers, when I actually _____ (see) somebody shoplifting.
25. I _____ (not like) having Sam for my roommate last year. He _____ (always / leave) his dirty clothes on the floor.

IV. Choose the correct answer.

1. On my last visit to Turkey I found that the village **hadn't changed / didn't change** much.
2. Mark **has taken / took** many trips to Asia since he **has started / started** his own import-export business.
3. When I was introduced to Carol, I was sure that I **had met / met** her before.
4. Argentina **has won / won** the World Cup in 1986 for the second time since the cup **was / has been** first awarded in 1930.
5. When the teacher had cornel came in, all the students **had stood / stood** up.
6. By the time Jackson **had arrived / arrived** to help, we **had already finished / already finished** moving everything.
7. I can't come to your party because I **broke / have broken** my leg.
8. As soon as I **had turned / turned** the ignition key, the engine **had caught / caught** fire.
9. When they **got / had got** married, they **knew / had known** each other for 15 years.
10. My brother **has written / wrote** several plays. He **has just finished / just finished** his

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second tragedy.

11. The apartment was hot when I **had got / got** home, so I **had turned / turned** on the air conditioner.
12. Ann **has started / started** a letter to her parents last week, but she still **hasn't finished / didn't finish** it.
13. I **knew / have known** Tim when he was a child, but I **didn't see / haven't seen** him for many years.
14. It was the fifth time she **asked / had asked** me the same question.
15. I **have read / read** his books when I **has been / was** at school. **Have you ever read / Did you ever read** his books?

V. Complete each of these sentences with an appropriate preposition.

1. Will you take responsibility _____ arranging the food?
2. As I am now in my final year _____ the secondary school, I am a _____ a lot of study pressure.
3. Can you give me a hand _____ loading the van?
4. We are a very close-knit family and very supportive _____ one another.
5. Please will you all join _____ me _____ singing the national anthem.
6. Whenever problems come _____, we discuss them frankly and find solutions quickly.
7. Women's responsibility is to look _____ the family.
8. The children are very excited _____ their camping holiday.
9. Responsibility is shared _____ parents and teachers.
10. She has confidence _____ her students' abilities.

VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. Steve started working for this company five years ago.
   Steve has _____.
2. Do you have any experience of driving this kind of car?
   Have you _____?
3. When she heard the results, Mary began to feel more confident.

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Since _____.

4. Nancy hasn't come since 1999.

   The last time _____.

5. During my dinner, the phone rang.

   While _____.

6. David left the party before we arrived there.

   When _____.

7. We haven't gone to a concert for ages.

   It's _____.

8. Sarah hasn't seen her friends since she left for the United States.

   Sarah last _____.

9. I have never stayed in such an expensive hotel before.

   This is _____.

10. In the middle of our sleep there was a knock at the door.

    When _____.

11. My wait for a bus has lasted thirty minutes so far.

    I _____.

12. Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music before he was 35.

    By the age _____.

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