

UNIT 4: LIFE IN THE PAST

2. Choose the word whose part of speech is different from the others.

1. a. collect b. entertain c. preserve d. seniority
2. a. arctic b. bare-footed c. domed d. dogsled
3. a. facility b. post c. occasion d. igloo
4. a. act out b. pass on c. street vendor d. eat out
5. a. snack b. strict c. event d. igloo
6. a. loudspeaker b. street vendor c. dogsled d. behave
7. a. generation b. imagination c. tradition d. wealthy
8. a. treat b. fatal c. dye d. imagine
9. a. funeral b. marriage c. custom d. access
10. a. face to face b. breadwinner c. competition d. violence
11. a. illiterate b. behaviour c. practice d. tradition
12. a. patience b. information c. pastime d. unbelievable
13. a. wealthy b. attendant c. strict d. creative
14. a. perform b. punishment c. street vendor d. seniority
15. a. dye b. conflict c. peace d. culture

4. Choose the correct option.

1. I _____ go to the beach every day.
a. use to b. uses to c. used to d. use
2. I didn't _____ play tennis.
a. use to b. uses to c. used to d. use
3. Mai _____ drink milk when she was young.
a. didn't use to b. use to c. has d. was
4. I didn't _____ watch television.
a. use to b. uses to c. used to d. use
5. What _____ you use to wear at school?
a. did b. do c. are d. have
6. Did they _____ go to the cinema?
a. used to b. use c. used d. use to
7. People _____ travel on horses.
a. used to b. use c. used d. use to
8. Nam used to _____ my best friend, but he lives in Canada now.
a. is b. be c. are d. being
9. We _____ play marbles.
a. used to b. used c. use to d. use
10. My mother _____ cook for me, but now my wife cooks at home.
a. used to b. used c. use to d. use

5. Choose the correct option to complete the wishes for the given situations.

1. Our flat is very small. I wish _____.
a. it would be bigger. b. it was bigger.
c. Both are possible
2. I have to work tomorrow. I wish _____.
a. I didn't have to work tomorrow.
b. I wouldn't have to work tomorrow.
c. I don't have to work tomorrow.
3. I have a boring job.
a. I wish I didn't have a boring job.
b. I wish I wouldn't have a boring job.
c. I wish I don't have a boring job.
4. The neighbours are playing loud music now _____.
a. I wish they would stop.
b. I wish they didn't play loud music.
c. I wish they weren't playing loud music.
5. It's cold. I wish it _____ warmer.
a. will be b. were c. would be
6. It's cold. I wish it _____ get warmer.
a. were b. would c. will
7. My brother hasn't got a job. I wish he _____ a job.
a. has b. will have c. had
8. It's raining. I wish it _____ raining.
a. was b. wasn't c. isn't
9. It's raining. I wish it _____ stop raining.
a. wasn't b. would c. will
10. I'm not very good-looking. I wish I _____ good-looking.
a. were b. would be c. had been

6. Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is hard to compare the life of the ancient people and the life of the

people of the twenty first century because so many changes have occurred. However, even the changes that have taken place over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, people were not able to travel such long distances in such short period of time. The planes were not popular then because they used to be a very expensive means of transport. Nowadays, we have become very mobile. We have fast and comfortable cars and more and more people also travels by plane. Moreover, in the past people had to work much harder as they did not have tools which made their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other machines. In the past the conditions of living were not as comfortable as they are now. There were not bathrooms and running water in many houses, besides many people could not afford household appliances like fridge, TV set or vacuum cleaner because they used to be luxurious goods.

Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays the access to education is much easier. In the past, there were fewer schools and the quality of the education they provided was much poorer.

Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials that you need thanks to the Internet. Another difference is that in the past there were not that many sources of entertainment. Therefore people used to spend more time with their friends.

It is an obvious that life has changed significantly in the last couple of years. The scientific achievements and technological progress are amazing. We still create new inventions which simplify our lives. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and more busy than it used to be in the past. Moreover, it has also become more dangerous. The standard of living has definitely improved and the quality of our lives is also better.

1. Is life nowadays is the same as our ancestor?
a. Yes. b. No.
2. Is life today faster or slower than life in the past?
a. Life today is faster than life in the past.
b. Life today is slower than life in the past.
3. Has technology made our lives easier or more difficult?
a. Technology has made our lives easier.
b. Technology has made our lives more difficult.
4. What has happened to the standard of living?
a. The standard of living has definitely improved.
b. The standard of living has not changed at all.
5. Who or what does some difficult jobs for us?
a. Some difficult jobs are done by foreign workers.
b. Some difficult jobs are done by computers and other machines.
6. Is the quality of education today better or worse than before?
a. Better b. Worse.

7. Make up wishes from the prompts.

1. He/ wish/ he/ not/ have to/ do/ the homework. _____
2. I/ wish/ I/ can communicate/ with/ animals. _____
3. I/ wish/ I/ be going/ on/ picnic/ with/ my friends/ now. _____
4. I/ wish/ I/ there/ be/ four seasons/ in/ my area. _____
5. My grandmother/ wish/ she/ be/ young/ again. _____