

REVISION 1ST SEMESTER – GRADE 8

A- REVISION CONTENT

1. Topic

- Unit 1: Leisure activities
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- Unit 3: Peoples of Vietnam
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- Unit 5: Festivals in Vietnam
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2. Vocabulary

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- Life in the countryside
- Different cultural groups of Vietnam
- Types of customs and traditions
- Expressions with "custom" and "tradition"
- Festivals
- Festival activities
- Characters in a folk tale
- Adjectives describing character

3. **Pronunciation**

- Clusters: /br/ and /pr/
- Clusters: /bl/ and /cl/
- Clusters: /sk/, /sp/, and /st/
- Clusters: /spr/ and /str/
- Stress of words ending in -ion and -ian
- Intonation in exclamatory sentences

4. Grammar

- Verbs of liking + V-ing/ to-infinitive
- Comparative forms of adjectives or adverbs
- Articles: a, an, the
- Types of questions
- Modal verbs: should, have to
- Types of sentences: Simple, compound and complex sentences
- Past simple and Past continuous

B- EXERCISE

PRACTICE TEST 1

I. Phonetics

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.

1. A. risky B. simple C. smiling D. tradition
2. A. honor B. hero C. history D. hold

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

3. A. custom B. bracelet C. cheerful D. collect
4. A. activity B. protection C. procession D. offering

II. Use of English

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to complete each of the following sentences.

5. He hates _____ by his friends.
A. cheated B. being cheated C. cheating D. to be cheat
6. When we _____ to see him last night, he _____ to music.
A. come / is listening B. had come / listened
C. came / was listening D. were coming / had listened
7. In Australia, you shouldn't _____ on a person's accent.
A. comment B. criticize C. hate D. dislike
8. Our new school is really _____ than the old one.
A. more comfortable B. comfortable
C. most comfortable D. comfortabler
9. I was very tired, _____, I determined to walk on to the next village.
A. therefore B. however C. and D. or
10. You can come here either on Monday _____ on Friday.
A. nor B. or C. both D. and
11. _____ inhabitants does the Ha Nhi group have?
A. What B. How much C. How many D. Which
12. In our country, it is against the law to discriminate against any _____ or religious group.
A. member B. people C. field D. ethnic
13. Children in this village love _____ kites on summer afternoons.
A. getting B. playing C. making D. flying
14. There is a _____ in our family that we have a dinner together on Christmas Day.
A. belief B. tradition C. legend D. rule

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the most suitable respond to complete each of the following exchanges.

15. Duong: "How about going out for a walk tonight?"
Mai: "_____".
A. Are you sure? B. Yes, please. C. Sounds great! D. Anything will do.
16. Lan: "You've got a beautiful dress!"
Linh: "_____".
A. Thanks for your compliment. B. Don't mention it.
C. You are welcome. D. Don't bother me.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word/phrase which is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part.

17. My little boy Tom never screams though he is scared.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions

Lunar New Year Festival often falls between late January and early February; it is among the most important holidays in Vietnam. Officially, the festival includes the 1st, 2nd and 3rd day of January in Lunar Calendar; however, Vietnamese people often spend about nearly a month to celebrate this special event.

Since Tet plays an important role in Vietnamese's religious beliefs, Vietnamese will begin their preparations well in advance of the upcoming New Year. In an effort to get rid of the bad luck of the old year, people will spend a few days cleaning their homes, polishing every utensil, or even repaint and decorate the house with kumquat tree, branches of peach blossom, and many other colorful flowers. The ancestral altar is especially taken care of, with careful decoration of five kinds of fruits and joss papers, along with many religious rituals. Everybody, especially children, buy new clothes and shoes to wear on the first days of New Year. People also try to pay all their pending debts and resolve all the arguments among colleagues, friends or members of family.

Vietnamese believe that the color of red and yellow will bring good fortune, which may explain why these colors can be seen everywhere in Lunar New Year. People consider what they do on the **dawn** of Tet will determine their fate for the whole year, hence people always smile and behave as nice as they can in the hope for a better year. Besides, gifts are exchanged between family members and friends and relatives, while children receive lucky money kept in red envelope. No matter where Tet is celebrated, it must be clarified from the beginning that Tet is not a day, but several days of celebration.

28. What is the passage mainly about?
- A. Important festivals in Vietnam
 - B. Lunar New Year
 - C. Customs of cleaning houses before Tet
 - D. What the Vietnamese believe at Tet
29. According to the passage, what kind of plants do people use to decorate the house during this festival?
- A. Peach blossoms, kumquat trees, apricot blossoms
 - B. Kumquat tree, apricot blossoms, orchids
 - C. Colorful flowers, branches of peach blossom, kumquat tree
 - D. Kumquat tree, peach blossom
30. The word "**dawn**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. beginning
 - B. ending
 - C. during
 - D. afterwards
31. Which of the following is NOT true about Lunar New Year Festival?
- A. People often spend nearly a month to celebrate this special event
 - B. The color of red and yellow can be seen everywhere at Tet
 - C. Children will receive lucky money put in red envelope
 - D. People try not to get on with colleagues, friends or members of family
32. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?
- A. Skeptical
 - B. Informative
 - C. Hatred
 - D. Encouraging

IV. Writing

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

33. No one in the school is as smart as Mary. **THE**
" Mary _____ student in the school.
(is the smartest)

34. Because of his broken computer, he couldn't finish his homework on time. **WAS**
" Because his _____, he couldn't finish his homework on time.
(computer was broken)

35. I last met my grandparents three years ago. **FOR**
" I haven't _____ three years.
(met my grandparents for)

36. They don't allow to use learning materials when taking an exam.
ALLOWED
" Learning materials _____ when taking an exam.
(are not allowed to use)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate a full sentence by putting the given words into the correct order.

37. year/ did/ you/ Where/ travel/ last/ to/?
A. Where did you last travel to year?
B. Where last you travel to last year?
C. Where did you travel to last year?
D. Where you did travel to last year?
38. didn't /me/ use/ allow/ knife/ My/ to/ father/.
A. My father didn't allow to use knife.
B. My father didn't allow me to use knife.
C. My father didn't use me to allow knife.
D. My knife didn't allow me to use father.
39. well-behaved/ be/ He/ to/ used/ a/ child.
A. He used to be a well-behaved child.
B. He use to being a well-behaved child
C. A well-behaved child he used to be.
D. A well-behaved child used to be he.
40. age/ Daisy/ to/ the/ an/ piano/ early/ at/ play/learnt.
A. Daisy learnt playing the piano at an early age.
B. Daisy learnt to play piano at an early age.
C. Daisy learnt to play the piano at early age.
D. Daisy learnt to play the piano at an early age.

PRACTICE TEST 2

I. Phonetics

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.

1. A. Politicianu B. Physicianu C. Musicianu D. Librarianu
2. A. architect B. Change C. Children D. watch

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

3. Nomadic B. Peaceful C. Attractive D. Expensive
4. Cultivate B. develop C. celebrate D. Decorate

II. Use of English

5.the Mid-Autumn festival is also called “Children’s festival” in Vietnam, it is enjoyed by people of all ages.
A. Although B. However C. Because D. Moreover
6. The girl was crying when a fairy _____.
A. Appeared B. was appearing C. appears D. is appearing
7. So many teenagers nowadays are _____ electrical devices such as computers and mobile phones. They spend a lot of time using them.
A. Bored with B. afraid of C. addicted to D. fed up with
8. In Vietnam, Tet is known as an occasion for family _____.
A. Celebration B. ancestors C. reunion D. Tradition
9. The Starfruit Tree is a _____.
A. legend B. fairy tale C. fable D. folk tale
10. Neil Armstrong _____ the first person to walk on the Moon.
A. was B. is C. be D. have been
11. La Tomatina is the _____ tomato fight in the world.
A. big B. Bigger C. biggest D. Biger
12. _____ is a celebration to show respect and esteem to the elderly.
A. Longevity B. Birthday C. Wishing D. New Year’s Eve
13. It’s a rule so, everybody _____ strictly follow it.
A. should B. Shouldn’t C. Doesn’t have to D. Has to

14. He was. He always supported the emperor.

- A. loyal B. Disloyal C. brave D. Respectful

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the most suitable respond to complete each of the following exchanges.

15.

- Do you think customs and traditions are the same?

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- A. I think they're different.
B. It's quite interesting
C. Yes, spot on!
D. You're kidding!

16. - Come and join the celebration. You won't regret it!

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- A. Well, are you sure?
B. Thanks!
C. Sounds awful
D. What's a nice compliment!

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word/phrase which is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part.

17. In the end, the wicked witch was defeated and the princess was rescued.

- A. ugly B. cruel C. mean D. fierce

18. Siri is a virtual assistant created to assist Iphone users.

- A. basic B. famous C. real D. believable

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word/phrase which is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part.

19. If you don't feel well, go to bed and rest.

- A. poorly B. badly C. clumsily D. Hardly

20. The majority of students decided to participate in the contest.

- A. large B. minority C. several D. many

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

21. It is considered impolite to not take off your shoes before entering a house in Japan.

A

B

C

D

22. The test was more difficult than I expected. I could finish it at least 20 minutes early.

A

B

C

D

III. Reading

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to complete the following passage

Nghinh Ong Festival

The Nghinh Ong Festival takes place on November 14th in Lai Son commune, Kien Hai district as a part of the “National Tourism Year 2016 - Phu Quoc – Mekong Delta”. The Nghinh Ong Festival aims to celebrate the solidarity of fishermen at sea (23) _____ they fish and safeguard the country’s sovereignty. The festival is a (24) _____ identity of the coastal locality, which has been preserved and passed through generations. It (25) _____ to enriching the country’s culture (26) _____ it allows Kien Hai district to introduce cultural values, natural resources and typical tourism products. Through the festival, Kien Hai district expects to leave a strong impress on tourists (27) _____ encouraging local people to join hands in developing tourism.

23. A. when B. Because C. if D. in case
24. A. important B. customary C. traditional D. Historical
25. A. helps B. Contributes C. makes D. Continues
26. A. or B. and C. but D. So
27. A. while B. when C. although D. but

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions

Longevity custom in Vietnam

Longevity wishing ceremony is to wish an elderly person longevity. That is a Vietnamese custom, when their grandparents or parents reach the old age, children show their profound gratitude to them by celebrating a ceremony to wish them good health and long life.

Showing respect and esteem for the elderly is a tradition that remains today. Nowadays, when grandparents or parents reach the ages of 70, 80 or 90, their children and grandchild organize ceremonies for longevity which are generally held on birthdays or during the spring days during Tet. The celebration day depends on each local: on the first lunar January or on 15 lunar January, commonly happens in early spring festival. Longevity ceremony is considered to be a traditional formal ceremony, featuring cultural background based on the fathers' customs.

Such celebrations are occasions to show devotion and respect to grandparents parents. Celebrations for longevity, either large or small, manifest the family’s joy in having a relative who has been able to lead a long life. Today, in almost every village or urban district, there is an association of longevity for the elderly. When reaching the ages of 70 or 80, the old are offered red dresses and other gifts and are invited to be photographed.

28. What is the purpose of longevity custom in Vietnam?
- A. wish an elderly person longevity
 - B. show respect and esteem for the elderly
 - C. manifest the family's joy in having a relative
 - D. All above
29. When is the longevity wishing ceremony held?
- E. on the first lunar January
 - F. on 15 lunar January
 - G. the day depends on each local
 - H. in lunar January
30. When will grandparents or parents have their longevity celebration held?
- I. When they reach the ages of 70, 80 or 90
 - J. On their birthday
 - K. In early spring festival
 - L. During Tet
31. What is the Longevity ceremony considered to be?
- A. a modern formal ceremony
 - B. A traditional informal ceremony
 - C. A traditional formal ceremony
 - D. A modern informal ceremony
32. What do they do in the celebration?
- M. The old wear blue dresses, give gifts and take photos.
 - N. The old wear red dresses, receive other gifts and are photographed.
 - O. The old wear black dresses, receive gifts and take photos.
 - P. The old wear purple dresses, give gifts and are photographed.