

TEST 1 (UNIT 3)

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

1. A. pop B. idol C. contest D. top
2. A. compare B. album C. alert D. an
3. A. franchise B. release C. contest D. post

II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

4. A. contest B. talent C. album D. debate
5. A. concert B. award C. release D. compose

III. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

6. The tragic end of "Swan Lake" shows that magic is _____ over love.
A. power B. powerful C. powerless D. powerfully
7. Van Cao's Tien Quan Ca was made into the national _____ of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
A. song B. music C. melody D. anthem
8. Chopin is one of the greatest Romantic piano composers whose works are often technically _____.
A. demand B. demanding C. undemanding D. demanded
9. Fantasia Barrino, the winner of American Idol's season 3 in 2004, released her _____ *Free Yourself* which earned three Grammy Award nominations.
A. debut album B. live performance C. local version D. live programme
10. That teen idol was _____ to win second place in the Idol Contest in 2010.
A. talent B. being talented C. talented D. talentless
11. Her teachers and schoolmates noticed her _____ a deep love of music during her childhood.
A. develop B. to develop C. developing D. developed
12. A playoff is an extra game in a competition played between two teams or competitors who both have the same scores _____.
A. decide B. to decide C. deciding D. to deciding
13. Hat Boi involves singing with distinctive vocal production techniques, symbolic gestures, _____ it is extremely difficult to perform _____ requires special training in the art form.
A. and - but B. so - but C. so - and D. but - and
14. Scenes in Cai Luong are elaborate _____ they are changed frequently throughout the play.
A. and B. or C. but D. so
15. Many "American Idol" contestants went on to become huge stars, _____ the popularity of "American Idol" began to decrease.
A. and B. but C. so D. or

III. Fill in each blank in the passage with the correct word/phrase from the box.

<i>folk songs</i>	<i>musical theater</i>	<i>folk style</i>	<i>genres</i>	<i>characters</i>
<i>music band</i>	<i>peasants</i>	<i>techniques</i>	<i>costumes</i>	<i>royal court</i>

Vietnamese Traditional Theater

Despite being strongly influenced by Chinese opera and other art forms, Vietnamese theater with three special (16) _____: Tuong singing, Cheo singing and Cai Luong singing, which have been modified to be suitable for Vietnamese people.

Tuong singing is a form of art imported from China around the 13th century. Tuong singing (also known as Boi singing) was originally used as entertainment for the (17) _____ and was later performed by traveling troupes for commoners and (18) _____. One typical feature of Tuong singing is the use of well-known stock characters who wear elaborate make-up and (19) _____ to represent the (20) _____ that they are performing.

Cheo singing is a satirical (21)_____ dating back to the 12th century under the Ly Dynasty. Traditionally, Vietnamese peasants in northern Viet Nam usually danced when singing folk songs and another (22)_____ plays fiddle, flute and drum.

Cai Luong (Renovated Opera) appeared in the southern part of Viet Nam in the 1920s and flourished as an entertaining theatre of the middle class under the French colonial period. The special imprints of this (23)_____ on audience are the harmonious combination of southern Vietnamese (24)_____, classical music, Tuong singing and modern drama as well as the use of extensive vibrato (25)_____.

Note: *genre* (n) = a style, especially in the arts, that involves a particular set of characteristics

V. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Quan Ho - Typical Northern Vietnamese music

It is hard to talk about the origin of Quan Ho singing, but it was first (26)_____ in the 13th century. Quan Ho is a singing battle where “lien chi” (female singers) sing “cau ra” (a challenge phrase), then “lien anh” (male singers) will (27)_____ by selecting and singing “cau doi” (a matching phrase). The order will be (28)_____ in the next time.

(29)_____ Quan Ho was unaccompanied by instruments but only (30)_____ of singers to compose rhythm. Quan Ho performances today are accompanied by some (31)_____ instruments, such as monochord or bamboo flute, etc.



Themes of most of the songs are love songs with romantic and sentimental lyrics which have been (32)_____ by (33)_____.

Quan Ho songs possess the spirit of local people and help tighten (34)_____ among villages. Quan Ho singing is an old Vietnamese type of art that needs (35)_____.

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| 26. A. recorded | B. broadcast | C. performed | D. written |
| 27. A. answer | B. say | C. respond | D. tell |
| 28. A. changed | B. turned | C. varied | D. reserved |
| 29. A. Tradition | B. Traditional | C. Traditionally | D. Tradition of |
| 30. A. voices | B. songs | C. music | D. volumes |
| 31. A. music | B. musical | C. musically | D. musician |
| 32. A. passed | B. passed by | C. passed on | D. passed away |
| 33. A. mouth | B. mouth of word | C. word of mouth | D. words of mouth |
| 34. A. distances | B. space | C. roads | D. bonds |
| 35. A. preserve | B. to preserve | C. being preserved | D. preserving |

VI. Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, c or D for each question.

Ca Tru was also called “Hat A Dao” or “Hat Noi”. Originally, attractive young female singers entertained men in a relaxed environment, sometimes serving drinks and snacks. Men might have visited a “Hat A Dao” inn with friends to celebrate a successful business deal or the birth of a son.

Ca Tru flourished in the 15th century in northern Vietnam when it was popular with the royal palace and a favourite hobby of aristocrats and scholars. Later, it was performed in communal houses, inns, and private homes, and gained its high popularity. These performances were mostly for men. When men entered a Ca Tru inn, they purchased bamboo tally cards. In Chinese Vietnamese, “tru” means “card”, and “ca” means “song” in Vietnamese, so the name Ca Tru means tally card songs. The tallies were given to the singers in appreciation for the performance. After the performance each singer received payment in proportion to the number of cards received.



Ca Tru requires at least three performers. The singer is always a woman and plays the “phach”, an instrument made of wood or bamboo that is beaten with two wooden sticks. A

musician accompanies the singer on the “dan day”, a long-necked lute with three silk strings and 10 frets. There is also a drummer or “trong chau”. The drummer shows his approval of the singer or the songs depending on how he hits the drum. If he likes a song, he might hit the side of the drum twice. The “dan day” player must follow the rhythm of the “phach”. His instrument, the “dan day”, is only used in Ca Tru and is now made almost exclusively for sale to tourists.

36. Ca Tru was first performed _____.
 - A. to serve drinks and snacks to men
 - B. to entertain male guests on special occasions
 - C. in a relaxed environment without any drink
 - D. when “Hat A Dao” and “Hat Noi” disappeared
37. Ca Tru developed and became very popular in the society when _____.
 - A. it was only performed in royal courts and palaces
 - B. it took the name Ca Tru from Chinese and became a favourite hobby of aristocrats and scholars
 - C. its performances were mostly for men
 - D. it was performed in communal houses, inns, and private homes
38. The “tally card” in the meaning of Ca Tru helped _____.
 - A. the singer to be paid after the performance
 - B. the men to purchase bamboo tally cards
 - C. the singers to show appreciation for the performance
 - D. each singer to receive the number of cards given
39. The singer plays the essential role because _____.
 - A. she accompanies the other musicians with the “phach”, an instrument made of wood or bamboo
 - B. she makes the drummer shows his approval of the singer or the songs by hitting the side of the drum twice
 - C. the drummer only shows his approval or disapproval to the song and the “dan day” player must follow the rhythm of the drummer
 - D. the “dan day” player must follow the rhythm of the “phach”, and the drummer only shows his approval or disapproval of the singer or the songs
40. All of the following are true about Ca Tru EXCEPT that _____.
 - A. it flourished in the 15th century in northern Vietnam
 - B. the “dan day” is now only used as a souvenir for tourists
 - C. the meaning of Ca Tru partly originated from Chinese Vietnamese
 - D. Ca Tru requires at least three performers

VII. Complete the conversation, using the responses (A-F) given. There is one extra.

- A. I like that British judge with his critical remarks about the contestants.
- B. Fox said the long-time host, Ryan Seacrest, will be joined by the judges - Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr.
- C. The audience for “American Idol” is now one-third of what it was at its peak in 2006 with 30 million viewers.
- D. Well, I don’t think the main sponsors of the programme including Coca-Cola and AT&T have left. And 21st Century Fox is a big corporation.
- E. What a pity! That talent competition was Fox’s most popular entertainment programme since 2002.
- F. NBC’s “The Voice” has emerged as a powerful alternative to “American Idol” and its summer show “America’s Got Talent” has also developed its popularity.



Mai: Have you heard that “American Idol” will come to an end after its 15th season next year?

Anna: Yes. (41) _____

Mai: I see. When it was launched in 2002, “American Idol” soon became an instant success. It also made a household name out of Simon Cowell.

Anna: (42) _____
Mr. Cowell also starred in “Pop Idol”, a British show that “American Idol” is based on.

Mai: That’s right, Anna. I also like other judges and the host, Ryan Seacrest. Do you know the reason why Fox will shut down “Idol”?

Anna: Well, there are several reasons, Mai. In recent years, its popularity has dropped quickly. (43) _____

Mai: Maybe the viewers have chosen other reality TV shows. Do you think so, Anna?

Anna: It’s the truth. (44) _____

Mai: Yeah, “The Voice” is very fantastic. Can we see the same judges and the host in the last season?

Anna: The last season of “American Idol” will begin in January, 2016. (45) _____

VIII. Write complete sentences of the biography of Do Nhuan, using the words/ phrases given in their correct forms. You can add some more necessary words, but you have to use all the words given.

46. Do Nhuan (1922 - 1991)/ great Vietnamese classical composer.

47. He/ first Vietnamese/ who/ trained/ Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

48. He/ lay/ foundation/ Vietnam’s opera/ based/ Western traditional opera/ and/ he/ write/ first Vietnamese opera “Co Sao” (Miss Sao).

49. His typical songs/ that/ help/ build/ reputation and image/ “Ca Ngoi Ho Chu tich” (Singing in praise of President Ho Chi Minh), “Du kich song Thao” (Guerrillas on Thao River), “Chien thang Dien Bien” (Dien Bien’s Victory)/ “Viet Nam que huong toi” (Viet Nam - My country).

50. Do Nhuan/ who/ first Secretary General / the Vietnam Musicians’ Association/ and/ awarded/ Ho Chi Minh Prize/ remembered/ pioneer/ modern Vietnamese music.

