

PRACTICE TEST No. 13

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. tension B. vision C. admission D. permission
2. A. month B. northern C. think D. theme

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

3. A. embroider B. heritage C. memorable D. craftsmen
4. A. unique B. traditional C. cosmopolitan D. delicious

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. Mrs. Thatcher has become (A) Prime Minister in 1979 (B) after winning (C) the elections (D).
6. John congratulated us to (A) our excellent (B) results although (C) we didn't know each other (D) very well.
7. Higher education (A) is very importance (B) to national economies, and it is also a source of trained and educated (C) personnel for the whole country (D).

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. _____ non-verbal language is _____ important aspect of interpersonal communication.
A. Ø – an B. A – the C. The - Ø D. Ø – the

9. It is getting _____ to understand what the professor is explaining.
A. more and more difficult C. difficult more and more
B. more difficult than usual D. the more difficult

10. Most of the diseases are caused by the unhygienic surroundings _____ people live.
A. in where B. Ø C. in that D. in which

11. Most children find it uncomfortable _____ like little kids.
A. being treated B. treating C. to be treated D. to treat

12. Hardly anyone is injured after the serious flood in this area, _____?
A. does he B. do they C. aren't they D. are they

13. It was _____ that he was kept in hospital for nearby a month.
A. so a serious accident C. such serious an accident
B. so serious an accident D. a such serious accident

14. The government is being _____ criticized in the press for failing to limit air pollution.
A. widely B. wide C. widen D. widened

15. In spite of his abilities, Peter has been _____ overlooked for promotion.
A. repetitive B. repeatedly C. repetitious D. repetition

16. You will have to _____ your holiday if you are too ill to travel.
A. put out B. put off C. put down D. put up

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. Minh: “ ”

Mai: “Well, what I mean is, I think it's a good idea.”
A. Do you mean it? C. Is it what you mean?
B. What's the meaning of this word? D. I don't get what you mean.

18. John: “Do you think that we should use public transportation to protect our environment?”
Ken: “ ”

A. I see. C. Well, that's very surprising.
B. Of course not. You bet. D. There is no doubt about it.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. Her parents make her keep her own room tidy as a rule in the family.

A. unorganized B. tasteful C. messy D. neat

20. Making a speech in public was one of my unforgettable experiences.

A. forgetful B. remarkable C. memorable D. impressive

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. Drinking water must be purified so that it doesn't harm our health.

A. filtered B. contaminated C. impure D. tested

22. It's started raining. Put on your raincoats, children.

A. put off B. put out C. take out D. take off

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

When you read something in a foreign language, you frequently come across words you do not fully understand. Sometimes you (23) _____ the meaning in a dictionary and sometimes you guess. The strategy you adopt depends very much upon the degree of accuracy you require and the time at your disposal.

If you are the sort of person who tends to turn to the dictionary frequently, it is (24) _____ remembering that every dictionary has its limitations. Each definition is only an approximation and one builds up an accurate picture of the meaning of a word only after meeting it in a (25) _____ of contexts. It is also important to recognize the special dangers of dictionaries that translate from English into your native language and vice versa. If you must use a dictionary, it is usually far safer to consult an English-English dictionary.

In most exams you are not permitted to use a dictionary. (26) _____ you are allowed to use one, it is very time-consuming to look up words, and time in exams is usually limited. You are, therefore, forced to guess the meaning of unfamiliar words. When you come across unknown words in an exam text, it is very easy to panic. However, if you develop efficient techniques for guessing the meaning, you will overcome a number of possible problems and help yourself to understand far more of the text than you at first thought likely.

Two strategies which may help you guess the meaning of a word are: using contextual clues, both within the sentence and outside, and (27) _____ use of clues from the formation of the word.

23. A. control B. inspect C. check D. examine

24. A. valuable B. worth C. essential D. vital

25. A. variation B. multiple C. diversity D. variety

26. A. Even if B. Provided C. Although D. In case

27. A. doing B. taking C. making D. coming

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

Family life in the United States is changing. Fifty or sixty years ago, the wife was called a "housewife". She cleaned, cooked, and cared for the children. The husband earned the money for the family. He was usually out working all day. He came home tired in the evening, so he did not do much housework. And he did not see the children very much, except on weekends.

These days, however, more and more women work outside the home. They cannot stay with the children all day. They, too, come home tired in the evening. They do not want to spend the evening cooking dinner and cleaning up. They do not have time to clean the house and do the laundry. So who is going to do the housework now? Who is going to take care of the children?

Many families solve the problem of housework by sharing it. In these families, the husband and wife agree to do different jobs around the house, or they take turns doing each job. For example, the husband always cooks dinner and the wife always does the laundry. Or the wife cooks dinner on some nights and the husband cooks dinner on other nights.

Then there is the question of the children. In the past, many families got help with child care from grandparents. Now families usually do not live near their relatives. The grandparents are often too far away to help in a regular way. More often, parents have to pay for child care help. The help may be a babysitter or a day-care center. The problem with this kind of help is the high cost. It is possible only for couples with jobs that pay well.

Parents may get another kind of help from the companies they work for. Many companies now let people with children work part-time. That way, parents can spend more time with their children. Some husbands may even stop working for a while to stay with the children. For these men there is a new word: they are called "househusbands". In the USA more and more men are becoming househusbands every year.

These changes in the home mean changes in the family. Fathers can learn to understand their children better, and the children can get to know their fathers better. Husbands and wives may also find changes in their marriage. They, too, may have a better understanding of each other.

28. Sixty years ago, most women _____.

- A. were housewives
- B. went out to work
- C. did not do much housework
- D. had no children

29. Nowadays, there are _____.

- A. more work outside the home than before
- B. more and more women staying with the children all day
- C. more housewives than before
- D. more women going out to work than before

30. It can be inferred from paragraph 4 that _____.

- A. all couples with jobs can pay for help from a babysitter or a day-care center
- B. couples with low-paid jobs can't afford the cost of a babysitter or a day-care center
- C. in the past, grandparents did not help the couples with child care
- D. grandparents can help care the children in a regular way

31. The changes in the American home mentioned in this passage may _____.

- A. help families
- B. not change the children at all
- C. cause problems for a marriage
- not happen

31. This article is about _____.

- A. American men as househusbands
- B. housewives in America
- C. how more American women are working
- D. how family life in America is changing

PRACTICE TEST No. 14

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. official B. economic C. profitable D. comfortable
2. A. despite B. object C. predict D. separate

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

3. A. congratulate B. category C. environment D. communicate
4. A. picturesque B. underpass C. dominance D. universe

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. Whatever happened (A) I didn't want (B) to lose (C) friendship of (D) Vera.
6. Simon finds (A) it hard (B) for making (C) friends with (D) other children.
7. When I kept (A) getting (B) unwanted calls, I called the phone company and had (C) my phone number change (D).

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. The teacher divided class _____ four groups for the role-play.
A. to B. into C. by D. in

9. It isn't very _____ that Paula is at home, is it? She usually works at this time.
A. likely B. unlikely C. likelihood D. unlikelihood

10. Let's have breakfast in bed tomorrow, _____?
A. will we B. shall we C. don't we D. won't we

11. Could you please go to the grocery store on your way home? We've _____ of tomatoes.
A. made out B. turned out C. run out D. put out

12. An: "Can I see you tomorrow?"
Binh: "Yes, but not in the morning. _____"
A. I'll work B. I'd work C. I'll be working D. I'd be working

13. _____ the bad weather, we decided to go for a drive along the coast.
A. However it was B. In spite of C. Although D. Even though

14. The boy _____ in the accident was taken to the nearest hospital.
A. was injured B. injured C. who injured D. that injured

15. While on vacation in Finland, John went on a(n) _____ of Lapland, the northern part of the country _____.
A. expedition B. tour C. excursion D. voyage

16. Many countries can attract many tourists in summer because their weather is _____ warm, often hot.
A. dependably B. dependently C. independently D. dependence

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. Minh: "Would you like another cup of coffee?"

Mai: " _____"
A. Me, too. C. Very kind of your part.
B. It's a pleasure. D. I'd love one.

18. Tom: " _____"
Mike: "I won't say no!"

A. How are things, Mike? C. Do you know where the scissors are?
B. How about going to the cinema tonight? D. What do you prefer, tea or coffee?

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. I don't know what is wrong with her. She seems to lose concentration very easily recently.
A. confidence B. positivity C. focus D. temper

20. Sometimes your flights can be **delayed** due to technical problems.

A. cancelled B. postponed C. removed D. deactivated

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. Mr. Brown is a very **generous** old man. He has given most of his wealth to a charity organization.

A. hospitable B. honest C. kind D. mean

22. In the first two decades of its existence, the cinema developed **rapidly**.

A. leisurely B. slowly C. weakly D. shortly

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Ready To Buy A Car From Vietnam? VinFast Is Looking To Make A Splash

If Vietnam's first automaker, Vinfast, is serious about contending in the global auto market, its initial car designs don't indicate that it is very serious about making a splash with design.

The company intends to show two vehicles at next month's Paris Motor Show, a sedan and crossover. Both vehicles were designed by Italian design house Pininfarina, which worked with VinFast.

"The strong distinguishable design, enhanced by elegant lines and refined details, gives our cars several distinctive (23)_____," said David Lyon, VinFast's design director in a statement. "First and foremost, these emanate around the V (24)_____ in the grille which references the country of Vietnam, (25)_____ the Vingroup and VinFast brands. In conjunction with Pininfarina, we have carefully sculptured each body line to express the natural beauty of Vietnam and the warm-hearted and dynamic (26)_____ of its people through a modern and world-class design language."

These vehicles could be from just about any carmaker in the world. The only thing (27)_____ about them is that they come from Vietnam. It will be interesting to see and hear how VinFast thinks it will position the brand and designs relative to more established and reliable competition.

23. A. spotlights	B. high points	C. highlights	D. peaks
24. A. trademarks	B. brand	C. icon	D. logo
25. A. as long as	B. moreover	C. as well as	D. thus
26. characteristics	A. elements	B. symbols	C. representatives
27. A. odd	B. strange	C. curious	D. unique

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

Earth orbits the sun while the moon orbits Earth. Occasionally, all three of them become aligned with one another. When this happens, an eclipse occurs. There are two types of eclipses: solar and lunar. Both are rare events simply because, due to the movement of all three celestial bodies, the times when they line up with one another are infrequent.

Solar eclipses are easily the more **spectacular** of the two. For a solar eclipse to occur, the moon's orbit must take it between Earth and the sun. While the sun is much larger than the moon, the relative nearness of the moon to Earth makes it appear to be the same size as the sun when viewed from the ground. Thus, when the sun, Earth, and moon are perfectly aligned, the moon appears to cover the entire sun. This is a solar eclipse. A solar eclipse may be either total or partial. When a total eclipse happens, the sun is completely obscured by the moon. The sky darkens, and it appears to be night time. However, most solar eclipses are partial ones. When they take place, the sun is only partly covered by the moon.

When a solar eclipse happens, it is observable from a fairly small area on the planet. Thus, when there is a solar eclipse in North America, it is highly unlikely that it will be visible in Africa or Australia. A solar eclipse only lasts for a few minutes since all three heavenly bodies are in continual motion. People must also take care when viewing a solar eclipse since looking directly at it can cause damage – including blindness – to their eyes.

Lunar eclipses happen when Earth moves directly between the sun and the moon. When this occurs, the planet blocks sunlight from reflecting off the moon. Lunar eclipses take place at night.

During one, the moon appears very orange and is practically red in color. There are two different types of lunar eclipses. Taken together, the result is that lunar eclipses happen more frequently than solar eclipses. In addition, lunar eclipses may last for hours and can be seen from a wider area on the planet. There is no harm in directly observing a lunar eclipse either, so looking at one will not damage a person's eyes.

28. What was the passage mainly about?

- A. How eclipses have affected history
- B. Two types of eclipses
- C. The problems eclipses cause
- D. Solar eclipses

29. What is the word 'spectacular' in line 5 closest in meaning to?

- A. distinct
- B. impressive
- C. lost lasting
- D. common

30. Why is the moon able to cover the sun during a solar eclipse?

- A. Because of its large size
- B. Because of its brightness
- C. Because of its closeness to Earth
- D. Because of its rotation

31. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about solar eclipses?

- A. How they can harm people
- B. How long they may last
- C. How much of the sun cannot be seen during them
- D. How often they happen

32. What can be inferred from the passage about lunar eclipses?

- A. It is possible to see them from every-where in the world
- B. They are less dangerous to people than solar eclipses
- C. Superstitious people believe they bring bad luck
- D. During a full moon, they can be extremely bright.