

Unit 7. CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. 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. protest B. wedding C. reception D. success
2. A. present B. decrease C. increase D. mouse
3. A. complicated B. bridegroom C. originate D. superstition
4. A. country B. contrast C. culture D. ceremony
5. A. good B. moon C. groom D. food

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

6. A. increase B. engage C. prepare D. propose
7. A. happy B. perfect C. formal D. married
8. A. couple B. promise C. import D. wedding
9. A. export B. decrease C. present D. belief
10. A. contrast B. object C. rebel D. support

Part II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. In some Asian countries, the groom and bride ____ their wedding rings in front of the altar.
A. change B. exchange C. give D. take
12. In Scotland, the bride's mother may invite the wedding guests to her house to ____ off all the wedding gifts.
A. show B. turn C. put D. get
13. On the wedding day, the best man is expected to help the ____.
A. bride B. groom C. guest D. bridesmaid
14. In the past, the ____ and engagement ceremonies took place one or two years before the wedding.
A. propose B. proposing C. proposal D. proposed
15. Superstitions ____ an important part in the lives of many people in Viet Nam.
A. take B. act C. occupy D. play
16. Viet Nam has kept a variety of superstitious ____ about daily activities.
A. believe B. believing C. beliefs D. believable

17. Traditionally, most Vietnamese people never ____ the floor during the first three days of the New Year.
A. sweep B. paint C. polish D. resurface
18. Viet Nam is a country situated in Asia, where many mysteries and legends ____.
A. origin B. originate C. original D. originally
19. The British usually pay a lot of ____ to good table manners and are expected to use knives, forks and spoons properly.
A. money B. care C. attention D. compliment
20. In the U.S, children can choose their own partners even if their parents object ____ their choice.
A. to B. for C. against D. with
21. In the UK, 18-year-olds tend to receive a silver key as a present to ____ their entry into the adult world.
A. symbol B. symbolic C. symbolize D. symbolist
22. In Australia, on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, children prepare and ____ their mothers 'breakfast in bed'.
A. cook B. serve C. display D. present
23. People in Mexico ____ Mother's Day on May 10 by giving their mothers handmade gifts, flowers, clothing and household appliances.
A. open B. memorize C. celebrate D. perform
24. In Viet Nam, you shouldn't ____ at somebody's house on the 1st day of the New Year unless you have been invited by the house owner.
A. show up B. get up C. put up D. go up
25. The newly-weds will fly to Venice to spend their ____ tomorrow.
A. vacation B. honeymoon C. holiday D. marriage
26. After the wedding ceremony at the church, they go to the hotel for the wedding ____.
A. cake B. ring C. day D. reception
27. The bride and groom cut the wedding cake and ____ speeches.
A. prepared B. wrote C. heard D. made
28. Some Koreans believe that it's impolite to ____ eye contact with a person who has a high position.
A. maintain B. lose C. show D. put
29. Brazilians often ____ each other's arms, hands or shoulders during a conversation.
A. lend B. shake C. touch D. move
30. American people are very informal at home, so they often ____ their hands to eat some kinds of food.
A. use B. lend C. wash D. shake

31. Egypt is a traditional country, and it has many customs that are different ____ the U.S.
A. of B. from C. to D. for
32. English people believe that it is unlucky to open an umbrella in the house, which will bring ____ to the person who has opened it.
A. loss B. misfortune C. success D. truth
33. Superstition suggests that you'll get seven years of bad luck if you ____ a mirror.
A. break B. buy C. borrow D. see
34. In the UK, seven is usually regarded ____ the luckiest number while thirteen is the opposite.
A. as B. like C. with D. for
35. Polite behavior in one country, however, may be ____ in another part of the world.
A. formal B. informal C. impolite D. appropriate
36. In Germany, it is important to arrive ____ time when you are invited to someone's house.
A. in B. after C. before D. on
37. Learning about cultural differences in politeness helps you avoid a lot of ____.
A. embarrass B. embarrassment C. embarrassed D. embarrassing
38. On many days of the year, Vietnamese people not only ____ the table for meals, but they also put food on the altar for their ancestors.
A. lay B. lie C. book D. clear
39. The woman you are engaged to is your ____.
A. fiancé B. bridesmaid C. match-maker D. fiancée
40. At the church ceremony, the couple have to make their wedding ____.
A. vows B. invitations C. flowers D. cakes

Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

41. Mary is planning to tie the knot with her German boyfriend next June.
A. get married B. say goodbye C. get together D. fall in love
42. In some Asian countries like Viet Nam or China, money is given to the newly-married couple as a wedding present.
A. gift B. donation C. souvenir D. contribution
43. In Viet Nam, it is customary to choose a favourable day for occasions such as wedding, funerals, or house-moving days.
A. suitable B. favourite C. beautiful D. whole

44. Americans value freedom and do not like to be dependent on other people.

- A. addicted B. supportive C. reliant D. responsible

45. In most American families, parents have less influence on their children than those in other parts of the world.

- A. power B. effect C. attention D. care

Exercise 5. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) *OPPOSITE* in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

46. Being practical, Americans avoid taking jobs which are beyond their ability.

- A. out of B. far from C. within D. inside

47. In many countries, it is customary for the bride to throw her bouquet of flowers into a crowd of well-wishers.

- A. uncommon B. inadvisable C. usual D. normal

48. To an American, success is the result of hard work and self-reliance.

- A. devotion B. industry C. laziness D. enthusiasm

49. Success has always meant providing their families with a decent standard of living.

- A. high B. good C. acceptable D. low

50. Stores everywhere compete to sell their distinctive versions of Christmas cake before the holiday.

- A. different B. various C. similar D. special