
PRACTICE TEST 11

Time allotted: 60 min.

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. tender B. determine C. external D. erode
2. A. arithmetic B. threaten C. thermal D. therefore

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. charity B. recommend C. organise D. festival
4. A. suspicious B. decorate C. sensible D. numerous

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

5. On July 20th, 1969, Astronaut Neil Armstrong _____ down onto the moon, the first person ever to set foot on another celestial body.
A. was stepping B. stepped C. has stepped D. was step
6. Phong always gets up early every morning _____ he's not late for his work.
A. so that B. even though C. because D. as soon as
7. Stratford-on-Avon, _____ many people have written about, is Shakespeare's birthplace.
A. where B. that C. which D. who
8. Mr. Thanh hoped _____ to join the club. He could make important business contacts there.
A. inviting B. being invited C. to invite D. to be invited
9. I think _____ young need to be encouraged and supported in society.
A. a B. an C. the D. 0
10. I'll _____ your suggestion and discuss it with the sales department.
A. setup B. think over C. find out D. look at
11. He was _____ to see that his bonus was a bit less than he had expected.
A. delighted B. embarrassed C. disappointed D. interested
12. Please _____ the eggs just a little so that even the whites are not quite hard.
A. boil B. stew C. simmer D. grill
13. You have to fill out an _____ form for admission to the hospital at the front desk.
A. applicable B. application C. applicant D. apply

The television set was not fully electronic when it was first invented. Its screen actually had a small motor and a small lamp. When the motor and the lamp were turned on, they worked together to give out a reddish orange picture. The picture was blurry and it was only about the size of a business card!

It was in 1953 in Europe when many people first started owning a television set. They bought a television set for the sole purpose of watching the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in London. Only a few thousand people were allowed into Westminster Abbey. However, live coverage allowed millions of people around the world to watch the coronation.

Another significant event was the moon landing in 1969. Again, millions of people around the world watched as Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and planted an American flag there to serve as a reminder of the great accomplishment of the crew. This time the event was broadcast in colour. The programme was much more realistic than the previous ones.

(Comprehension Fast Forward 4-J. Lee & G. Y. Shen – SAP)

21. Many people need the television set today as it _____.
- A. allows them to watch the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
 - B. enables them to find out what is happening around the world
 - C. is an electronic item
 - D. lets them see things in colour
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22. Television sets in the past _____.
- A. were not so clear
 - B. were very bulky
 - C. ran on electricity
 - D. showed pictures that were full-coloured
23. Why do you think the sales of television sets rocketed in Europe in 1953?
- A. Television sets became more affordable.
 - B. People wanted to watch the moon landing.
 - C. People wanted to watch the crowning of the queen.
 - D. People wanted to watch live coverage of events around the world.
24. People around the world watched Neil Armstrong _____ in 1969.
- A. travel to the moon
 - B. sit on the moon
 - C. put a flag on the moon
 - D. take the American flag away from the moon
25. From the passage, as television sets improved, _____.

- A. the colours on the screen became lighter than ever before
- B. more realistic programmes were shown
- C. people could watch events earlier than before
- D. an event watched on television looked more like the actual event that was happening

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

When we say the word "family", the first picture that appears in our minds would be an image of a mother, a father and their children. This is (26) _____ we call a nuclear family. However, there are families that are made up of just a single parent. Then there are the extended families where more than one set of families live together (27) _____ the same roof.

According to the most common definition, a nuclear family or traditional family (28) _____ of parents, legalized through marriage, together with their biological or adoptive children. They raise and nurture the children till the young ones (29) _____ of marriageable age to form new families of their own.

During the festive seasons, holidays or even the weekends, nuclear families who stay on their own way may return to the grandparents' home for meals and spend time together. If the paternal and maternal grandparents are still (30) _____, alternative weekly visitations to each grandparent's home is common. In this way, the grandchildren will get to spend quality time with both sets of grandparents.

(Wong & Shen - Close Fast Forward - SAP)

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| 26. A. what | B. how | C. when | D. why |
| 27. A. into | B. of | C. on | D. under |
| 28. A. includes | B. consists | C. engages | D. forms |
| 29. A. are | B. have | C. do | D. make |
| 30. A. At lived | B. lively | C. alive | D. living |

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

31. As soon as I will get my exam results, I'm going to visit my uncle in the countryside.
- A. will get B. exam results C. to visit D. the countryside
32. My brother used to working downtown, but he moved to the suburbs three months ago.
- A. working B. downtown C. moved D. suburbs
33. He didn't have money to buy food because he has forgotten to ask his parents.

A. to buy B. because C. has forgotten D. to ask

34. The scientists are investigating an area on Mars which liquid water may be found.

A. are investigating B. on C. which D. be found

35. If people use contaminated water for cooking, their health would be badly affected.

A. contaminated B. cooking C. would D. badly affected

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

36. *"Why don't we travel to Phu Quoc Island by ferry?" they said.*

A. They asked why we didn't travel to Phu Quoc Island by ferry.

B. They suggested travelling to Phu Quoc Island by ferry.

C. They wished that we travelled to Phu Quoc Island by ferry.

D. They wanted to travel to Phu Quoc Island by ferry.

37. *Life in the countryside isn't as stressful as life in the city.*

A. Life in the city is less stressful than that in the countryside.

B. Life in the countryside is more stressful than that in the city.

C. Life in the city is more stressful than life in the countryside.

D. Life in the countryside is so as stressful as life in the city.

38. *You are not allowed to leave the room without permission.*

A. You mustn't leave the room without permission.

B. You might leave the room without permission.

C. You have right to leave the room without permission.

D. You don't have to leave the room without permission.

39. *The soil is poisoned because farmers use too many pesticides and herbicides.*

A. The soil won't be poisoned if farmers use fewer pesticides and herbicides.

B. If farmers use too many pesticides and herbicides, the soil will be poisoned.

C. The soil would be poisoned if farmers used too many pesticides and herbicides.

D. If farmers used fewer pesticides and herbicides, the soil wouldn't be poisoned.

40. *It is not a good idea to spend too much time on computer games.*

A. It's not good to stop spending too much time on computer games.

B. It's better to avoid spending too much time on computer games.

C. It's not good to postpone spending too much time on computer games.

D. It's better to continue to spend too much time on computer games.