

Mid Test 1

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.

1. A. increase B. engage C. prepare D. propose
2. A. happy B. perfect C. formal D. married
3. A. couple B. promise C. import D. wedding
4. A. export B. decrease C. present D. belief
5. A. contrast B. object C. rebel D. support

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

6. In some Asian countries, the groom and bride ____ their wedding rings in front of the altar.
A. change B. exchange C. give D. take
7. 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
8. On the wedding day, the best man is expected to help the ____.
A. bride B. groom C. guest D. bridesmaid
9. In the past, the ____ and engagement ceremonies took place one or two years before the wedding.
A. propose B. proposing C. proposal D. proposed
10. Superstitions ____ an important part in the lives of many people in Viet Nam.
A. take B. act C. occupy D. play
11. Viet Nam has kept a variety of superstitious ____ about daily activities.
A. believe B. believing C. beliefs D. believable
12. Traditionally, most Vietnamese people never ____ the floor during the first three days of the New Year.
A. sweep B. paint C. polish D. resurface
13. Viet Nam is a country situated in Asia, where many mysteries and legends ____.
A. origin B. originate C. original D. originally
14. 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
15. 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

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16. These days, in India, there are ____ married couples who live on their own than before.

A. more B. many C. less D. little

17. In some countries in the Middle East, people stand _____ to each other than those in North America in a conversation.

A. most closely B. more closely C. closer D. closest

18. Wedding ceremonies are _____ now than they used to be in the past.

A. less complicated B. the most complicated
C. as complicated D. the least complicated

19. It's much _____ to celebrate a small and cozy wedding to save money.

A. best B. better C. the best D. the better

20. In some Asian families, parents tend to have far _____ control over their children than those in some American families.

A. the most B. the more C. more D. most

21. This is _____ wedding party I've ever attended.

A. the more memorable B. more memorable
C. the most memorable D. most memorable

22. Chocolates and flowers are by far _____ presents for mothers on Mother's Day in the UK.

A. more popular B. the more popular
C. less popular D. the most popular

23. Chuseok is one of _____ celebrations in the Korean calendar when Koreans give thanks to nature.

A. the most important B. the more important
C. the less important D. more important

24. The more polite you appear to be, _____ your partner will be.

A. the happiest B. the happier C. the most happily D. the more happily

25. Of the two bridesmaids, Lisa turned out to be _____.

A. the most charming B. the least charming
C. more charming D. the more charming

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

INTERNATIONAL GIFT-GIVING CUSTOMS

The tradition of gift giving is a worldwide practice that is said to have been around since the beginning of human beings. Over time, different cultures have developed their own gift giving customs and traditions.

In France, the gift of wine for the hostess of a dinner party is not an appropriate gift as the hostess would prefer to choose the vintage for the night. In Sweden, a bottle of wine or flowers are an appropriate gift for the hostess. In Viet Nam, a gift of whisky is appropriate for the host, and some fruit or small gifts for the hostess, children or elders of the home.

Besides, gifts should never be wrapped in black paper because this color is unlucky and **associated with** funerals in this country. Gifts that symbolize cutting such as scissors, knives and other sharp objects should be avoided because they mean the cutting of the relationship. Also, in some countries you should not open the gift in front of the giver and in others it would be an insult if you did not open the gift.

Beyond the gift itself, give careful consideration to the manner in which **it** is presented.

Different cultures have different customs regarding how a gift should be offered – using only

your right hand or using both hands, for example. Others have strong traditions related to the appropriate way to accept a gift. In Singapore, for instance, it is the standard to graciously refuse a gift several times before finally accepting it. The recipient would never unwrap a gift in front of the giver for fear of appearing greedy. Understanding these traditions and customs, as well as taking time to choose an appropriate gift, will help you to avoid any awkwardness or embarrassment as you seek to build a better cross-cultural relationship.

26. When did the tradition of gift-giving become popular all over the world?

- A. a long time ago
- B. thousands of years ago
- C. since the beginning of humans
- D. since the beginning of industrialization

27. Which of the following is NOT true about gift-giving customs?

- A. In France, wine is not considered a suitable gift for the hostess of a dinner party.
- B. In Sweden, it is not customary to bring some wine or flowers when you are invited to a dinner party.
- C. In Viet Nam, such things as scissors, knives and other sharp objects shouldn't be used as a gift.
- D. In Singapore, it is unacceptable to open the gift right in front of the giver.

28. The phrase "associated with" is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. connected with
- B. familiar with
- C. informed of
- D. similar to

29. The word "it" in paragraph 3 refer to ____.

- A. consideration
- B. manner
- C. gift
- D. culture

30. Which of the following is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- A. The people who are presented with gifts
- B. The traditions of giving and receiving gifts
- C. The occasions of giving and receiving gifts
- D. The manners of giving and receiving gifts

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

31. The American are less formal in addressing their bosses than the South Korean.

- A. The South Korean are less formal in addressing their bosses than the American.
- B. Both the American and the South Korean have the same formality in addressing their bosses.
- C. The South Korean are more informal in addressing their bosses than the American.
- D. The South Korean are more formal in addressing their bosses than the American.

32. Nothing is more precious than happiness and health.

- A. Happiness and health are the most precious things.
- B. Happiness is more precious than health.
- C. Health is more precious than happiness.
- D. Happiness and health are more and more precious.

33. I've never seen such a nice bouquet of wedding flowers.

- A. This bouquet of wedding flowers is the nicest that I've ever made.
- B. This is the nicest bouquet of wedding flowers that I've ever seen.
- C. I've never seen the nicest bouquet of wedding flowers so far.
- D. Nothing I've seen is nicer than this bouquet of wedding flowers.

34. Ice-hockey is one of the most popular sports in Russia.

- A. In Russia, ice-hockey is more popular than any other sports.
- B. In Russia, no sport is more popular than ice-hockey.
- C. In Russia, no sport is less popular than ice-hockey.
- D. In Russia, one of the most popular sports is ice-hockey.

35. Tet holiday is the most interesting Vietnamese traditional festival that he's ever attended.

- A. Tet holiday is more interesting than the Vietnamese traditional festival that he's ever attended.
- B. He has never attended a more interesting Vietnamese traditional festival than Tet holiday.
- C. He has attended many interesting Vietnamese traditional festival including Tet holiday.
- D. Tet holiday is one of the most interesting Vietnamese traditional festival he's ever attended.

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

1. Peter plays the piano better I can.
2. Mary looks more prettier than she used to be.
3. Peter can play table tennis better more than I can.
4. She is the most cleverer in our class.
5. This car is more economical as that one.
6. Your computer works fast than mine.
7. The problem seems to be more serious that we thought.
8. His father and he can run so fast as I do.
9. This machine is not so modern than that one.
10. This film is more interesting the one we saw last week.

