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

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| 1. A.columnist | B.frustrated | C.study       | D.adulthood     |
| 2. A.helpline  | B.empathise  | C.embarrassed | D.depressed     |
| 3. A.tense     | B.decision   | C.skill       | D.house-keeping |

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

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| 4. A.neighbourhood | B.assignment | C.emotion   | D.supportive |
| 5. A.experience    | B.emotional  | C.emergency | D.favourable |

**III.**

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

6. Pressure \_\_\_\_\_ children to get into top schools has reached a crisis point.  
A.at                      B.under                      C.on                      D.with
7. Perhaps what you're reading or hearing is boring, which makes it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ on the book or the conversation.  
A.concentrate              B.rely                      C.depend                      D.notice
8. A great way to improve \_\_\_\_\_ skills is to keep trying new things.  
A.reason                      B.reasoned                      C.reasoning                      D.reasons'
9. As children move toward \_\_\_\_\_, they are less likely to ask for advice.  
A.dependent                      B.dependence                      C.independent                      D.independence
10. Taking good notes \_\_\_\_\_ students to evaluate, organize and summarize information.  
A.requests                      B.requires                      C.allows                      D.offers
11. Susan needs someone to show her how to \_\_\_\_\_ her anxiety and depression.  
A.empathise                      B.try                      C.succeed                      D.manage
12. Mi asked what information she \_\_\_\_\_ that assignment.  
A.need to be done              B.needed doing                      C.need to do                      D.needed to do
13. My teacher told me that \_\_\_\_\_ attend the math course for the higher level programme that I \_ for.  
A.can't - apply                      B.couldn't - apply                      C.can't - applied                      D.couldn't - had applied
14. My parents asked me to find out \_\_\_\_\_ it gave you so much trouble.  
A.what                      B.which                      C.why                      D.where
15. I am not sure \_\_\_\_\_ I can't solve this problem.  
A.how                      B.what                      C.who                      D.by whom

**IV. Fill in each blank in the passage with the correct word from the box. There are some extra words.**

<i>place</i>	<i>demands</i>	<i>compete</i>	<i>exams</i>
<i>scores</i>	<i>choices</i>	<i>gain</i>	<i>tutor</i>

Nowadays, parents are determined to get their children into the highest performing school in their area. Many of these schools are seeing (16)\_\_\_\_\_ of children competing for each place and are setting ever more rigorous tests and (17)\_\_\_\_\_ to select their preferred students. These students may be as young as 9 or 10 when they start this process. In London, the pressure on children to succeed and (18)\_\_\_\_\_ a place at the "right" school has almost become out of control with experts predicting that this situation will only continue to worsen as the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ for school places grow. Employing a(n) (20)\_\_\_\_\_ for your child, which only a few years ago would have been seen as an unusual step, is now common for many parents.

**V. Rewrite the following in reported speech.**

21. Mai said, "The stress of the entrance examinations made me physically ill."

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22. "It breaks my heart to see her upset when she failed the exam," Nora's mother said.

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23. "I feel stressed and tense to see that I can't get the perfect results, Phong," said Mi

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24. Quan said, "Study stress has been a part of my life."

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25. "I started experiencing symptoms of stress in grade 8," Phong said.

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