

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

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.

4. A. increase B. engage C. prepare D. propose
5. A. happy B. perfect C. formal D. married

Part II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 3. 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. 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
13. 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
14. 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
15. After the wedding ceremony at the church, they go to the hotel for the wedding ____.
- A. cake B. ring C. day D. reception
16. The bride and groom cut the wedding cake and ____ speeches.
- A. prepared B. wrote C. heard D. made
17. 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
18. Egypt is a traditional country, and it has many customs that are different ____ the U.S.
- A. of B. from C. to D. For
19. 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
20. It's much ____ to celebrate a small and cozy wedding to save money.
- A. best B. better C. the best D. the better
21. 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

22. This is ____ wedding party I've ever attended.

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

23. In Japan, ____ most important holiday of ____ season is New Year's Day, which comes one week after Christmas.

- A. the - the B. Ø - the C. the - Ø D. the - a

24. In India, in the old days, ____ girl's family used to give ____ boy's family a gift like money or jewellery.

- A. a - a B. a - the C. the - a D. the - the

25. It is appropriate to bring ____ small gift when visiting ____ home in the U.S.

- A. the - a B. a - a C. a - the D. the - the

Exercise 4. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Marriage is an ancient religious and legal practice celebrated around the world. However, wedding customs vary from country to country.

The Wedding Dress: In many countries, it is customary for the bride to wear a white dress as a symbol of purity. The tradition of wearing a special white dress only for the wedding ceremony started around 150 years ago. Before that, most women could not afford to buy a dress that they would only wear once. Now, bridal dresses can be bought in a variety of styles. In some Asian countries and in the Middle East, colors of joy and happiness like red or orange other than white are worn by the bride or used as part of the wedding ceremony,

The Wedding Rings: In many cultures, couples exchange rings, usually made of gold or silver and worn on the third finger of the left or right hand, during the marriage ceremony. The circular shape of the ring is symbolic of the couple's **eternal union**. In Brazil, it is traditional to have the rings engraved with the bride's name on the groom's ring, an vice versa.

Flowers: Flowers play an important role in most weddings. Roses are said to be the flowers of love, and because they usually bloom in June, **this** has become the most popular month for weddings in many countries. After the wedding ceremony, in many countries the bride throws her bouquet into a crowd of well-wishers – usually her single female friends. The person who catches this bouquet will be the next one to marry.

Gifts: In Chinese cultures, wedding guests give gifts of money to the newly-weds in small red envelopes. Money is also an appropriate gift at Korean and Japanese wedding. In many Western

countries, for example in the U.K, wedding guests give the bride and groom household items that they may need for their new home. In Russia, rather than receiving gifts, the bride and groom provide gifts to their guests instead.

With the continued internationalization of the modern world, wedding customs that originated in one part of the world are crossing national boundaries and have been incorporated into marriage ceremonies in other countries.

26. Which of the following is the best title of the passage?

- A. Wedding ceremonies B. Wedding customs C. Wedding day D. Wedding history

27. The tradition of wearing a special dress only on one's wedding day is ____.

- A. about 150 years ago B. over a century ago
C. less than 100 years ago D. less than 200 years ago

28. In some cultures, the bride wears a white dress as a traditional symbol of ____.

- A. modesty B. secrecy C. purity D. security

29. In some Asian and Middle Eastern countries, which colour is NOT considered to be suitable for a wedding?

- A. red B. orange C. white D. blue

30. The phrase "**eternal union**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. never-ending relationship B. lovely relationship
C. temporary relationship D. healthy relationship

D. Thanks to globalization, one country's wedding customs may be added to other countries'.