

Unit 9. CHOOSING A CAREER

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. tedious B. secure C. temporary D. rewarding
2. A. enthusia^stic B. smooth C. southern D. trustworthy
3. A. tertiary B. trustworthy C. tempting D. shortlist
4. A. pension B. commission C. passion D. decision
5. A. shortlist B. temporary C. afford D. accordingly

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. rewarding B. fascinating C. tedious D. challenging
7. A. prospect B. reference C. promoted D. interview
8. A. unemployment B. economics C. manufacture D. responsible
9. A. workforce B. high-flyer C. handshake D. headhunt
10. A. commuter B. commitment C. employee D. attendant

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. I was only absent ____ the office for a few minutes!
A. for B. from C. in D. about
12. She became a full-time member of ____ last year.
A. employees B. employers C. workers D. staff
13. The ____ for this position starts at thirty thousand euros per year.
A. wage B. payment C. salary D. tip
14. Shelley disagreed with the board's decision so she ____ and went to work for another company.
A. retired B. fired C. sacked D. resigned
15. Being a flight attendant is a ____ job. You may have to work long hours on long haul flights and not get enough sleep.
A. tedious B. demanding C. rewarding D. fascinating
16. I think that doing medical research would be really ____ because this job would save people's lives.
A. challenging B. tiresome C. rewarding D. monotonous
17. I am writing in ____ to your advertisement on *Vietnamework.com* for the post of a personal assistant.
A. connection B. association C. relation D. response
18. Some people ____ to London every day from as far away as Leeds.
A. connect B. commute C. commence D. correspond
19. When the factory closed, over a hundred people were ____ redundant.
A. made B. given C. taken D. done
20. Most governments tax people on the amount of money they ____ each year.

A. win B. gain C. earn D. benefit

21. After working at the same company for thirty years, my grandfather was looking forward to his ____.

A. overtime B. pension C. charity D. allowance

22. Who is responsible ____ dealing with complaints?

A. with B. for C. in D. at

23. Success in this industry depends a lot ____ luck!

A. with B. from C. at D. on

24. Don't you think you should apply for the job ____ writing?

A. with B. for C. at D. in

25. The ____ I'm a member of is calling for a nationwide strike next week.

A. union B. charity C. organization D. company

26. Have you had any news about that ____ you applied for yet?

A. work B. job C. career D. vacancy

27. In some professions, you have to ____ when you're 60 or 65 years old.

A. resign B. terminate C. retire D. dismiss

28. We began ____ looking round for advertising agencies which have experience of our market.

A. to B. with C. by D. at

29. The covering letter wasn't attached ____ the CV.

A. to B. with C. from D. by

30. Certificates provide proofs of your ____.

A. qualifications B. qualities C. diplomas D. ambitions

31. I'd like to speak to the person in ____ please.

A. duty B. responsibility C. obligation D. charge

32. When you ____ the interview, remember to bring some sample of your work.

A. apply B. join C. attend D. make

33. I would be grateful for an opportunity to visit your company and discuss my application with you ____.

A. in privacy B. individually C. privately D. in person

34. If my application is successful, I will be able to start work from 15th of August when I finish all my exams. I am ____ my CV with this letter.

A. sending B. attaching C. closing D. enclosing

35. Like many young people today, I'm thinking about taking a year ____ first, or as people often say, spending a year at "the university of life".

A. off B. away C. out D. at

36. Helen usually ____ her childhood with great pleasure.

A. talks back to B. thinks back on C. turns back to D. falls back on

37. The government is trying not to ____ the money they are spending on vocational training.

A. drop out of B. drop in on C. go on with D. cut down on

38. My grandparents often ____ us without warning.

- A. drop in on B. keep up with C. drop out of D. catch up with
39. Linda was about to take a part-time job, but she decided to ____ her studies instead.
- A. keep up with B. go on with C. get on with D. drop out of
40. Many students ____ school to set up their own businesses and become self-employed.
- A. move out of B. cut down on C. drop out of D. drop in on
41. I'm searching for websites offering career advice so that I can ____ a plan.
- A. come up against B. come up with C. draw up with D. come across with
42. I am ____ seeing you at a job interview.
- A. waiting for B. looking for C. looking forward to D. hoping to

Exercise 4. 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.

43. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a temporary job in the summer.
- A. part-time B. full-time C. permanent D. seasonal
44. John was promoted last month for being such a committed worker.
- A. dishonest B. irresponsible C. unenthusiastic D. unreliable
45. With so many breakthroughs in robotic science and technology, much manual work will soon be taken over by robots.
- A. intellectual work B. physical work C. monotonous work D. dull work
46. I'd go mad if I had to do a dead-end job like working on a supermarket checkout.
- A. boring B. monotonous C. fascinating D. demanding
47. He's just so flexible. He'll adapt to any situation.
- A. adaptable B. rigid C. intelligent D. autonomous