IV. PRACTICE EXERCISES

A. PHONETICS

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. travel	B. talented	C. award	D. charity
2. A. result	B. music	C. yummy	D. drum
3. A. excited	B. because	C. cool	D. compete
4. A. stage	B. together	C. message	D. judge
5. A. recording	B. receive	C. spectator	D. become

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.

1. A. amazing	B. beautiful	C. teenager	D. musical
2. A. social	B. trumpet	C. couple	D. upload
3. A. perform	B. season	C. local	D. total
4. A. instrument	B. popular	C. performance	D. media
5. A. identify	B. competition	C. participant	D. eliminate

B. VOCABULARY

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

1. On the final night, the most **popular** singer becomes the winner of that *American Idol* season.

A. well-known B. common C. well-received D. well-done

2. The rule is the singer with the lowest number of votes is **eliminated**.

A. dropped B. expelled C. knocked out D. put out

3. The participants in this programme are ordinary people whom the audience can really **identify with**.

A. recognize B. support C. remember D. establish

4. Judges travel all around America **in search of** the best singers and bring them to Hollywood

A. chasing B. doing experiments C. studying D. looking for

5. Their different **opinions** and interesting arguments make the show very exciting.

A. proverbs B. sayings C. points of view D. slogans

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 sentences.

1. Chau van singing is an **ancient** form of Vietnamese performance art which combines singing and dancing..

A. modern B. young C. old-fashioned D. late

2. As a form of traditional performance art, Chau van singing was **recognised** as part of Vietnamese national culture.

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A. acknowledged B. conceded C. unidentified D. accepted

3. He is a **talented** artist, and he received several awards.

A. ancient B. talentless C. gifted D. brilliant

4. Due to the bad weather, the band decided to **delay** their live concert.

A. speed up B. promote C. hurry D. slow down

5. Judges play an important role in the competition. Their different opinions and interesting **arguments** make the show very exciting.

A. disagreements B. comments C. agreements D. discussions

Give the correct forms of words in brackets.

1. When he was a teenager, he (PERFORMANCE) _____ at the local theatre in his hometown during the tourist season.

2. He has a nice voice, and he is a(n) (MUSIC) _____ .

3. She was invited to be an audience member in a popular TV (TALENTED) _____ show.

4. At that time, there were many movies and TV series, but no reality (COMPETE) _____ on TV.

5. The first season of Vietnam Idol included three stages: short performances to choose from (PARTICIPATE) _____ , semi-finals and finals.

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

1. People watch *American Idol* not only to see the participants sing, but also to hear the comments of the _____, who play an important role in the competition.

A. referees B. assessors C. viewers D. judges

2. In the show, participants will dress up and perform as famous international or local _____ in a live show.

A. spectators B. artists C. judges D. runners-up

3. A/An _____ is a person who comes second in a race or competition.

A. winner B. viewer C. runner-up D. actor

4. On the final night, TV audiences can _____ their preferred performance.

A. vote for B. dress up C. take place D. depend on

5. The winner of the show will receive a _____ prize besides a big bunch of flowers.

A. money B. card C. virtual D. cash

6. Many famous bands and singers from all over the world were really cool on _____ while the audience shouted.

A. playground B. stage C. air D. floor

7. This year the festival _____ in a big country park, so there was plenty of space for us to enjoy the music and relax.

A. taking place B. taken place C. took place D. take place

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8. Audiences play an important _____ in the success of a show on TV.

A. role B. actress C. position D. member

9. Many famous artists are going to _____ in the programme at the Modern Arts Centre.

A. act B. show C. disappear D. perform

10. The style of clothes, hats, and belts _____ on the rank of the gods or saints the performers worship in Chau Van singing.

A. depends B. takes C. lives D. decides

11. Their favourite music is K-pop and British or American pop music as they are big _____ of Korean and American music.

A. participants B. competitors C. fans D. singers

12. Going to _____ is usually popular among teenagers, but only eight people said that they like going to such music events.

A. cinemas B. concerts C. art exhibition D. stadiums

13. To develop her musical talent, her father _____ her sing at family gatherings.

A. made B. hesitated C. invited D. planned

14. He has received several _____ such as the Grammy, Billboard Music and Teen Choice Awards.

A. gifts B. prizes C. scholarships D. awards

15. His mother started to _____ his cover song videos on social media, which made him an online star within a couple of months.

A. download B. load C. upload D. unload

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

1. His beautiful songs have helped bring more love _____ people's lives.

2. Her fans planned _____ send her a surprise present on her birthday.

3. Audiences can vote _____ their preferred singers online or through text messaging in the programme.

4. All music shows or competitions are organised in search _____ the most wanted singers.

5. TV series is a set of TV programmes _____ the same subject.

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

1. People **watch** *American Idol* not only **in order see** the participants **sing,** but also **to hear**

A B C D

the comments of the judges.

2. **On** the final night, TV **spectators** can see the best **performances** by the best **artists.**

A B C D

3. The organisers **have finished** preparations **for** the festival which **held** on the beach **last year,**

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A B C D

4. We had **a chance** to see our favourite **idols** perform **lively** and listen to their **greatest** hits.

A B C D

5. His daughter **has** natural **able** to play **the piano** and **write** music.

A B C D

C. GRAMMAR

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

1. Tom said that he could _____ me with this assignment.

A. helped B. helping C. to help D. help

2. John made me _____ a lot with his hilarious jokes.

A. laughing B. to laugh C. laugh D. laughed

3. I'd like _____ all of you to enjoy my party this Friday.

A. to invite B. inviting C. invite D. not invite

4. We expect Linh _____ to the airport late as the plane will take off in 15 minutes.

A. to come B. not to come C. not coming D. coming

5. You'd better _____ out with your friends as it is very dangerous in the evening.

A. went B. go C. going D. to go

6. My parents let my sister _____ camping with her friends in the mountains.

A. not go B. going C. go D. to go

7. We intend _____ him the truth for fear that he'll fly into a fit of madness.

A. to tell B. telling C. not tell D. not to tell

8. My family really loves Japanese food, _____ we order it twice a week.

A. yet B. so C. but D. nor

9. These games are challenging, _____ it's not easy to spend little time playing them.

A. so B. and C. for D. or

10. Smoking is extremely detrimental to health, _____ many people continue to smoke anyway.

A. nor B. so C. yet D. then

11. We were lost in the forest, _____ luckily my friend had a map in his backpack.

A. and B. so C. for D. but

12. Would you like a cup of milk tea _____ a cup of hot chocolate after dinner?

A. and B. or C. yet D. so

13. Minh had his teeth decayed, _____ he refused to see the dentist.

A. and B. so C. or D. but

14. Anna thinks she ought to go to the university, _____ she wants to get qualifications for her dream job.

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A. and B. yet C. for D. so

15. He invested a lot of money in this business, _____ it went bankrupt in a very short time.

A. but B. and C. for D. nor

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

16. Sue **plans** **study** abroad next year **according to** her parent's **advice**.

A B C D

17. **The** teacher **doesn't let** her students **not use** their mobile phones **in** class.

A B C D

18. We hope **having** a chance **to study** together **at** **the same** university in the future.

A B C D

19. This story **with** tragic **ending** **made** me **crying**.

A B C D

20. After a **two-hour** discussion, we **decided** **to expanding** the car **market** in America.

A B C D

21. You'd better **spend** too much money **on** shopping or you **won't** have any **left**.

A B C D

22. I **used to** learn **fixing** electrical devices around my house **when** I was **at** high school.

A B C D

23. Hoa **flew to** Paris **to visit** her grandma, **so** **to see** the Eiffel Tower.

A B C D

24. Lan studied **hard** for the final test, **but** she **passed** **with** flying colours.

A B C D

25. She's **counting** her calories, **so** she really wants **to eat** **dessert** after meals.

A B C D

26. **Dogs** are loyal pets, **for** they will never **make** you **feeling** betrayed.

A B C D

27. We **went to** the Korean restaurant, **so** we **found out** it was **closed** early.

A B C D

28. **Don't** **forget** your passport, **and** you'll have trouble **checking** in.

A B C D

29. We **also** have **to do** our assignment, **and** we'll **be** punished.

A B C D

30. John **picked me up** **at** my house, **but** we went out **for** a walk.

A B C D

D. SPEAKING

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Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

1. *Ann is talking to Mai about music idol.*

Ann: Who is that?

Mai: _____.

A. I love that pop singer.
B. He's a famous singer.
C. He has got a lot of fans.
D. His music is great.

2. *Ann is talking to Mai about the music idol.*

Ann: Do you know that singer?

Mai: _____.

A. Yes, he is.
B. Yes. I love music.
C. Yes. I'm a big fan of his.
D. No. He isn't here.

3. *Ann is talking to Mai about the music idol.*

Ann: Why do you love that singer?

Mai: _____.

A. His music is great.
B. His clothes are chosen carefully.
C. He's got a brother.
D. He's playing the piano.

4. *Ann is talking to Mai about the music idol.*

Ann: Can he play a musical instrument?

Mai: _____.

A. He didn't learn to play the drums.
B. He can dance.
C. He's good at singing.
D. I'm not sure but he's learning to play the guitar.

5. *Ann is talking to Mai about the music idol.*

Ann: What do you know about his career?

Mai: _____.

A. His mother performed at the local theater.
C. He is watching videos.
B. He became an online star at the age of 12.
D. He bought a new car last week.

E. READING

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

Listening to music can provide many benefits to our mental and physical health. For one, music has been found to (1) _____ stress and anxiety levels. It can also improve our mood by triggering the release of dopamine, a chemical in the brain (2) _____ makes us feel happy and uplifted. In addition, listening to music while working or exercising can increase productivity and motivation. It can also help us stay focused on the task at (3) _____ and improve our overall performance. (4) _____ benefit is the ability of music to strengthen our memory and cognitive function. This is particularly true for classical music, which has been found to enhance brain (5) _____ and improve learning and retention. Music

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also has the ability to (6) _____ emotions and memories, helping us to connect with our feelings and experiences. This can be particularly helpful in therapy and self-reflection.

Overall, music is a powerful tool that can improve our mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. By incorporating music (7) _____ our daily routine, we can (8) _____ these many benefits and enjoy a richer, more fulfilling life.

(Adapted from https://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle)

1. A. terminate	B. reduce	C. diminish	D. stop
2. A. that	B. who	C. when	D. where
3. A. large	B. hand	C. least	D. stake
4. A. Others	B. Other	C. Another	D. The other
5. A. function	B. mission	C. role	D. task
6. A. incite	B. evoke	C. instill	D. reminisce
7. A. to	B. with	C. into	D. for
8. A. earn	B. maximize	C. take	D. reap

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

The sound of music has changed as society has changed over the years, thus the change in the sound of music is really a reflection of our cultural evolution. In the beginning, humans made music that closely mimicked the sounds they heard around them in nature in terms of tones and repetitions.

In Indigenous cultures, music played a role in ceremonies and traditions. Traditional instruments were played, and lyrics were often strongly linked to nature. The sounds of music reflected the close association that indigenous cultures had with the land and its wildlife. Over time, modern society has lost this connection. This is reflected in the changing sound of the music and in the changing lyrics of songs that are sung. With time, more musical instruments were developed and played together, **which** resulted in more sophisticated and complex sounds being produced. The beats, rhythms, tempo and lyrics of songs all changed along with the change in cultures.

Although some indigenous cultures such as many of the African tribes, Native American tribes, South American ethnic people, and Australian aborigines still **retain** the playing of their indigenous music, there have been influences from the western world incorporated into some of the music. Features of the sound of music have changed over the decades. The sound has definitely gotten louder. The pace and rhythm in many cases have become faster, possibly reflecting the fast pace of the modern world that we live in today. However, the feature of music bounciness (how spiky and energetic the music feels) has become less today when compared with the music of thel980s. Techno and reggae music are typical examples of what is known as bouncy music.

The sound of music has become more complex over history mainly due to the increased migration of people and their exposure to new elements. Today much music has sounds with elements from more than one region. The increasing tendency for music artists to collaborate today is another reason we see more complexity and diversity in how music sounds.

(Adapted from https://sonicspace.org/)

9. Which of the following could serve as the best title for the passage?

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A. Why have People Changed the Sound of Music?

B. Music: Now and Then

C. The Role of Music in Indigenous Cultures

D. Nature and Music

10. The word **"which"** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. musical instruments

B. developing and playing many musical instruments together

C. the changing sound of the music

D. the changing lyrics of songs

11. The word **"retain"** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

A. preserve B. reduce C. exchange D. combine

12. According to the passage, the following features of music have increased over years, **EXCEPT** ____.

A. the sound volume B. the pace and rhythm

C. the connection to nature D. the sound's complexity and diversity

13. Which of the following is **TRUE?**

A. Western music has more influence on indigenous music than others.

B. The fast pace of life has caused the loss of connection to nature.

C. Almost every feature of music sounds changed when the cultures altered.

D. Modern music sounds contain different regional elements due to the collaboration of music artists.

UNIT 3 - 15-MINUTE TEST

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

1. She's a big _____ of Black Pink whose girls come from Korea.

A. fan B. viewer C. spectator D. audience

2. When he was in high school, he _____ at the school on special days.

A. received B. performed C. started D. reached

3. From the semi-final _____, people can vote for their preferred singers online.

A. upwards B. backwards C. downwards D. onwards

4. Vietnam Idol included three stages: short _____ to choose participants, semi-finals and finals.

A. performing B. performers C. performances D. performs

5. The show is organised _____ the best singers and composers.

A. in search of B. in spite of C. due to D. because of

6. The judges _____ an important role in any competition because they are decision-makers.

A. take B. make C. play D. put

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7. In each show, _____ will dress up and perform live on TV.

A. participate B. participants C. participation D. participating

8. The interesting thing about the show is that the audience can vote _____ their preferred performance.

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

9. They expected _____ their idol at the airport.

A. to see B. see C. seeing D. to seeing

10. No parents will not let their teenage kids _____ such TV shows.

A. watching B. watched C. watch D. to watch

II. Make compound sentences using "and, or, but, so"

11. At that time there were many movies and TV series. People have to find them on the Internet.

=> _____

12. The style of clothes in Chau van singing has changed over time. The rules about the colours stayed the same.

=> _____

13. Their favourite music is American pop music. They always listen to it.

=> _____

14. She writes her own songs. They always become hits right after they are introduced.

=> _____

15. We can go to a live concert at the stadium. We can watch it live on TV at home,

=> _____

UNIT 3 - 45-MINUTE TEST

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. idol B. singer C. opinion D. winner

2. A. see B. stage C. season D. series

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. famous B. include C. comment D. online

4. A. reality B. identify C. participants D. competition

5. A. programme B. argument C. exciting D. different

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

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6. Sometimes the **argument** for fun from the judges created an exciting atmosphere for the game show.

A. debate B. reason C. excuse D. issue

7. The **preferred** singers can be voted by the TV audiences online or through text messaging.

A. popular B. famous C. interesting D. favourite

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 sentences.

8. He is **good at** playing the guitar and singing. He could play this musical instrument when he was 10.

A. excited about B. worried about C. bad at D. keen on

9. Some forms of traditional performance art have changed over time, but the rules about the ways to sing and dance **stay the same**.

A. become different B. become challenging C. become harder D. are similar

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

10. Audiences love to hear the comments of the judges whose interesting arguments make the show _____

A. excited B. excitement C. exciting D. excite

11. *American Idol* was shown for the first time _____ television in January 2002.

A. in B. on C. at D. among

12. Once a week, the participants will _____ and perform as famous artists in a live show.

A. turn up B. go up C. take up D. dress up

13. The _____ for the winner of the show is 500 million in cash.

A. prize B. cost C. price D. score

14. You can _____ the participant you love most, which helps him get the most wanted award.

A. take place B. depend on C. come up with D. vote for

15. He decided to be a _____ at the age of 15 after he participated in a music competition.

A. music B. musical C. musician D. musicality

16. At the musical event we could watch a lot of exciting _____ with many famous bands and singers from all over the world.

A. performances B. perform C. performers D. performing

17. The festival took place in a big country park, so there was plenty of _____ for us to enjoy the music and relax.

A. vacancies B. space C. positions D. points

18. *Hat Hau,* the singing and dancing of a psychic, is a _____ type of Chau Van singing.

A. singular B. distinguished C. plentiful D. typical

19. As a form of traditional performance art, Hat Xoan singing was recognized as part of Vietnamese national _____.

A. culture B. costume C. custom D. heritage

20. Many students don't hesitate _____ how to play a musical instrument because they love music.

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A. learn B. learning C. to learn D. learned

21. Their daughter has got a _____ ability to sing and dance gracefully, so she is very confident.

A. nature B. natural C. naturally D. naturist

22. He is _____ for his musical talent and humor which makes the audience laugh a lot when he interacts with them.

A. popular B. helpful C. good D. famous

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

23. I **hurried** as fast as I could **so** I **arrived home** late **as usual**.

A B C D

24. **Due to** the main singer's **health condition,** the organizers decided **delaying** their **live** concert.

A B C D

25. Five best **participations** are then **chosen** to go to the next stages where they **perform** **live**

A B C D

on TV.

READING

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

Music is one of the human species' relatively few (26) _____ abilities. Without formal training, any individual, from Stone Age tribesmen to suburban teenagers, has the ability to recognize music and, in some fashion, to make it. Why this should be so is a mystery. After all, music isn't necessary for getting through the day, and if it aids in reproduction, it does so only in highly indirect ways. Language, (27) _____ , is also everywhere - but for reasons that are more obvious. With language, you and the members of your tribe can organize a migration across Africa, build reed boats and cross the seas, and communicate at night even when you can't see each other. Modern culture, in all its technological extravagance, springs directly (28) _____ the human talent for manipulating symbols and syntax.

Scientists have always been (29) _____ by the connection between music and language. Yet over the years, words and melody have acquired a vastly different status in the lab and the seminar room. While language (30) _____ essential to unlocking the mechanisms of human intelligence, music is generally treated as an evolutionary frippery - mere "auditory cheesecake", as the Harvard cognitive scientist Steven Pinker puts it.

(Adapted from https://www.ielts-mentor.com)

26. A. parochial B. omnipresent C. sophisticated D. divergent

27. A. in addition B. nevertheless C. on the contrary D. moreover

28. A. from B. up C. on D. for

29. A. repulsed B. counteracted C. defeated D. fascinated

30. A. has long been considered B. has been long considered

C. have long been consideredD. have been long considered

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Read the passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

BLUES MUSIC

The origin of blues is too unclear to pinpoint to one artist or one year; for the sake of historic importance, it's believed that blues music was created in the late 19th century, by the black slaves that were forced to work in the cotton fields. Blues has firm roots in African traditional music.

The purpose of making the blues is always the same: the expression of intense emotions. It is the one reason why this genre had such a profound effect on America, and eventually the world. Blues is usually categorized by the location of a style, because everywhere the blues went, it caught a different feel.

Mississippi delta blues came from the Mississippi delta region. It's the oldest known form of blues as a genre, from which other forms later evolved. Chicago blues came next, when the delta musicians started traveling to the big city to look for a better life. The biggest difference between the two styles is the use of electric guitars and a slightly faster pace in the latter. Texas blues came out after America saw how big Chicago blues was getting. The style was made famous by artists like Lightnin' Hopkins and Freddie King.

Blues rock was one of the last big blues styles to hit it big. It's largely inspired by the Chicago blues and started in the 1960s by bands like Creedence Clearwater Revival and ZZ Top.

(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Origins_of_the_blues)

31. By whom and when was blues music created?

A. in the early 19th century by the black slaves

B. in the early 19th century by the white slaves

C. in the late 19th century by the black slaves

D. in the late 19th century by the white slaves

32. The aim of making the blues is to _____.

A. express the hidden thoughts

B. express the intense emotions

C. illustrate people's ideas

D. claim individuals' opinions

33. What did the event happen after the recognition of Chicago blues?

A. The musicians would like to live in the countryside.

B. The musicians travelled to a foreign country.

C. The musicians travelled to the rural areas.

D. The musicians immigrated to the large city.

34. The use of electric guitars and a slightly faster pace are the differences between and _____.

A. Texas blues - Mississippi delta blues

B. Chicago blues - Texas blues

C. Chicago blues - Mississippi delta blues

D. Blues rocks - Texas blues

35. The style of Texas blues was made by _____.

A. Freddie King

B. Creedence Clearwater Revival

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C. ZZ Top D. Mississippi Delta

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

36. *Ann is talking to Minh*

Ann: Shall we do something together this weekend?

Minh: _____

A. Yes. I must go there. B. No, thanks. I'm full.

C. Yes, we shall. D. Sorry, I can't. I have to prepare for my exam.

37. *Ann is talking to Minh*

Ann: This band looks so cool. Let's go to their Saturday show.

Minh: _____

A. Never mind. B. Don't mention it.

C. Sounds great. D. It's not too late.

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

38. Should we watch TV tonight? Should we go to the cinema?

A. Should we watch TV and go to the cinema tonight?

B. Should we watch TV or go to the cinema tonight?

C. Should we watch TV but go to the cinema tonight?

D. Should we watch TV so we can go to the cinema tonight?

39. Let's go to My Tam's music show in Hanoi this month.

A. Why don't you go to My Tam's music show in Hanoi this month?

B. You should go to My Tam's music show in Hanoi this month.

C. We have to go to My Tam's music show in Hanoi this month.

D. How about going to My Tam's music show in Hanoi this month?

40. His parents will allow him to play music in his free time.

A. His parents will let him play music in his free time.

B. His parents will make him play music in his free time.

C. His parents will expect him to play music in his free time.

D. His parents will ask him to play music in his free time.

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