

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

1. A. <u>row</u>	B. <u>brown</u>	C. <u>down</u>	D. <u>cow</u>
2. A. <u>pear</u>	B. <u>bear</u>	C. <u>wear</u>	D. <u>eager</u>
3. A. <u>go</u>	B. <u>so</u>	C. <u>do</u>	D. <u>note</u>
4. A. <u>care</u>	B. <u>package</u>	C. <u>rare</u>	D. <u>share</u>
5. A. <u>around</u>	B. <u>south</u>	C. <u>loud</u>	D. <u>rush-hour</u>

II. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

6. The London Underground is the second largest _____ system in the world.

A. transport B. metro C. metropolis D. metropolitan

7. Most of the people who live in the _____ work in the city.

A. suburbs B. districts C. areas D. spaces

8. When food is _____, many of the nutrients are lost.

A. prepared B. washed C. chopped D. processed

9. What shall we do with the _____ after a big party?

A. customers B. recipes C. leftovers D. remainder

10. Concrete _____ refers to the world's most densely populated cities with little space for parks.

A. jungle B. wood C. forest D. building

11. Young people enjoy the city's _____ nightlife with many activities for entertainment and leisure.

A. liveable B. living C. lively D. live

12. This used to be a _____ town, but a lot of people have moved away over recent years.

A. residential B. quiet C. noisy D. bustling

13. It was rated the most _____ city in our country.

A. live B. liveable C. lively D. living

14. We make our small garden become a green _____ for relaxation.

A. space B. area C. region D. field

15. He needed a _____ place to study for his exams.

A. relaxed B. beautiful C. lively D. peaceful

III. Complete the text with the words given. There are some extra words that you do not need.

<i>destinations</i>	<i>use</i>	<i>arrivals</i>	<i>threat</i>
<i>directions</i>	<i>home</i>	<i>routes</i>	<i>pressure</i>

Ha Noi is (16) _____ to 5.5 million motorbikes and more than 500,000 cars.

With a rapidly increasing population, these figures will continue to rise. Authorities in Ha Noi plan to ban motorcycles from downtown areas by 2030. A ban is essential to solving the problems of traffic jams and air pollution, and will push people towards public means of transport. Another ban on cars which are both a bigger (17) _____ to the smooth flow of traffic on narrow city streets and greater contributors to air pollution.

Ha Noi also plans to boost the (18) _____ of public transport, opening new bus (19) _____ and trying to make the existing ones more prompt and efficient. The biggest contributor to the problem - the use of fossil fuels - is a more difficult one to solve, because the development of renewable power does not meet the needs of reliable energy.

Efforts have been made to ensure that the capital remains a healthy and desirable place to live, topping the charts for tourist (20) _____ in the years to come.

IV. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

21. It didn't take long to _____ the office.

A. come down B. carry out C. get around D. get up

22. The hospital is _____ tests to find out what is wrong with her.

A. carrying out B. hanging out C. getting around D. coming down with

23. I feel like I'm coming _____ with a cold.

A. around B. back C. up D. down

24. It's great to _____ with people better than you.

A. hang up B. hang around C. hang out D. hang together

25. I am trying to cut _____ caffeine.

A. down B. down on C. off from D. in on

V. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

There are 21,900 households in an area of less than 100 hectares of the Old Quarter in Ha Noi. In many houses, an entire family may (26) _____ no more than a single room.

A house on Hang Ca Street, (27) _____ in the 1940s, originally belonged to one wealthy man and his wives, and now there are six households there with about 30 people. Many say the convenience of the Old Quarter (28) _____ compensates for the shortage of facilities. Tradition is also a(n) (29) _____ because some residents have (30) _____ houses elsewhere but wants to sell the old houses or rooms (31) _____ these are the houses of the ancestors.

The authorities of Ha Noi have had a plan to (32) _____ 25,000 of the Old Quarter's 84,000 residents, beginning in 2009 when 1,900 households will go to a new

development area, across the Red River.

However, people don't want to live in a high-rise block because they (33) _____ to it. Authorities will take (34) _____ to find out what people will need to (35) _____ them feel comfortable in their new neighbourhood.

(Source: *Internet*)

26. A. fill	B. exist	C. control	D. occupy
27. A. build	B. built	C. to be built	D. was built
28. A. live	B. lives	C. living	D. liveliness
29. A. factor	B. element	C. situation	D. occasion
30. A. no	B. none	C. bigger	D. biggest
31. A. but	B. because	C. so	D. although
32. A. move	B. leave	C. change	D. bring
33. A. didn't use	B. were not used	C. are used	D. are not used
34. A. influence	B. effort	C. time	D. notice
35. A. make	B. cause	C. let	D. allow

VI. Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.

Unlike life in the countryside which is often considered to be simple and traditional, life in the city is modern and complicated. People, from different regions, move to the cities in the hope of having a better life for them and their children. The inhabitants in city work as secretaries, businessmen, teachers, government workers, factory workers and even street vendors or construction workers.

The high cost of living requires city dwellers, especially someone with low income, to work harder or to take a part-time job. For many people, an ordinary day starts as usual by

getting up in the early morning to do exercise in public parks, preparing for a full day of working and studying, then travelling along crowded boulevards or narrow streets filled with motor scooters and returning home after a busy day. They usually live in large houses, or high-rise apartment blocks or even in a small rental room equipped with modern facilities, like the Internet, telephone, television, and so on. Industrialization and modernization as well as global integration have a big **impact** on lifestyle in the cities. The most noticeable impact is the Western style of clothes. The “Ao Dai” - Vietnamese traditional clothes are no longer regularly worn in Vietnamese women’s daily life. Instead, jeans, T-shirts and fashionable clothes are widely preferred.

(Source: *Internet*)

36. The most important reason why people move to the city is that _____.

- A.** to look for a complicated life
- B.** to take part-time jobs
- C.** to have busy days
- D.** to look for a better life

37. According to the passage, city life can offer city dwellers all of the following things EXCEPT _____.

- A.** the internet
- B.** friendly communication with neighbours
- C.** a variety of jobs in different fields
- D.** modern facilities

38. We can infer from the passage that _____.

- A.** there is a big gap between the rich and the poor in the city
- B.** people do morning exercise in public parks because they have much free time
- C.** people leave the countryside because life there is simple
- D.** most of the urban dwellers have low income

39. Industrialization and modernization may lead to _____.

- A. the fact that women no longer wear *Ao Dai*
- B. the disappearance of Western-styled clothes
- C. some changes in lifestyles
- D. global integration

40. The word “**impact**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. force
- B. action
- C. situation
- D. effect

VII. Report the discussion about the problem of overpopulation and its solutions to the class. Use the cues given below. The introduction and conclusion have been done for you.

Many countries in the world are experiencing the problem of overpopulation caused by rapidly growing population in urban areas. Both governments and individuals have a duty to find ways to overcome the problem.

41. overpopulation / lead / overcrowding / poor quality of housing / many large cities / housing / bad conditions / cause health problems / resulting in illness

42. another serious effect / overcrowding / a rising crime rate / especially / teenagers

43. government / carry out some measures to deal with the problem / firstly / authorities / build and provide enough housing and healthcare / all their residents

44. secondly / a good idea / set up community projects / help improve community spirit / keep young people / committing crimes // for example / youth clubs or evening classes / teenagers / keep them occupied

45. finally / police / maintain security effectively / come / city

It is clear that the problem of overpopulation in cities is serious, but if the government and individuals join hands, we can get over it easily.

VIII. Use the words or phrases given to write meaningful sentences about what you like and dislike about city life.

46. a lot of shops / shopping centres / supermarkets / we / buy anything we need

47. nightlife in cities / very exciting / many amenities and activities

48. however / pollution / biggest problem / city / because of / large number / private cars

49. traffic jams / often happen / rush hours / road accidents / a serious concern

50. living in the city / both advantages / disadvantages / you / your own decision / live in the city / not
