

A. THEORY

I. Pronunciation:

- Sounds: /u:/, /ʊ/, /ə/, /ɪ/, /ʊə/ and /ɔɪ/
- Stress in two-syllable words and three-syllable words

II. Vocabulary: Leisure time, Life in the countryside, Teenagers

III. Grammar structure:

- Verbs of liking and disliking
- Comparative adverbs
- Simple sentences and compound sentences

IV. Skills

1. Listening

Listening for specific information about leisure time, life in the countryside, teenagers.

2. Reading:

Reading for general and specific information about leisure time, life in the countryside, teenagers.

3. Writing:

- Rewrite the sentence without changing the meaning.
- Use the cue words to write a meaningful sentence.

B. PRACTICE

Exercise 1. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

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| 1. A. <u>venture</u> | B. <u>future</u> | C. <u>mature</u> | D. <u>culture</u> |
| 2. A. <u>choose</u> | B. <u>cool</u> | C. <u>good</u> | D. <u>tool</u> |
| 3. A. <u>June</u> | B. <u>bull</u> | C. <u>truth</u> | D. <u>flu</u> |
| 4. A. <u>woman</u> | B. <u>who</u> | C. <u>move</u> | D. <u>lose</u> |
| 5. A. <u>tour</u> | B. <u>sour</u> | C. <u>tourist</u> | D. <u>sure</u> |
| 6. A. <u>coin</u> | B. <u>noisy</u> | C. <u>soil</u> | D. <u>tortoise</u> |
| 7. A. <u>activity</u> | B. <u>sick</u> | C. <u>think</u> | D. <u>city</u> |
| 8. A. <u>busy</u> | B. <u>picturesque</u> | C. <u>support</u> | D. <u>campus</u> |
| 9. A. <u>orange</u> | B. <u>village</u> | C. <u>buffalo</u> | D. <u>cabbage</u> |
| 10. A. <u>begin</u> | B. <u>women</u> | C. <u>harvest</u> | D. <u>entertainment</u> |
| 11. A. <u>police</u> | B. <u>cover</u> | C. <u>collect</u> | D. <u>combine</u> |
| 12. A. <u>choose</u> | B. <u>look</u> | C. <u>spoon</u> | D. <u>food</u> |
| 13. A. <u>truth</u> | B. <u>June</u> | C. <u>cushion</u> | D. <u>conclusion</u> |
| 14. A. <u>again</u> | B. <u>company</u> | C. <u>woman</u> | D. <u>villager</u> |
| 15. A. <u>choice</u> | B. <u>join</u> | C. <u>going</u> | D. <u>noise</u> |

Exercise 2. Choose the word A, B, C, or D whose main stress is different from the others in the group.

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| 1. A. relaxing | B. traveling | C. visiting | D. listening |
| 2. A. dislike | B. detest | C. fancy | D. prefer |
| 3. A. protection | B. addicted | C. computer | D. picturesque |
| 4. A. climbing | B. canoeing | C. swimming | D. cycling |
| 5. A. computer | B. protection | C. volunteer | D. museum |
| 6. A. adore | B. enjoy | C. prefer | D. listen |
| 7. A. skateboard | B. sticker | C. resort | D. leisure |
| 8. A. harvest | B. collect | C. peaceful | D. whisper |
| 9. A. opportunity | B. inconvenient | C. facility | D. optimistic |
| 10. A. activity | B. traditional | C. majority | D. population |
| 11. A. teenager | B. enjoyment | C. concentrate | D. countryside |
| 12. A. connect | B. advise | C. focus | D. discuss |

13. A. stressful B. success C. pressure D. leader
 14. A. pressure B. museum C. friendship D. guidance
 15. A. account B. website C. bully D. teamwork

Exercise 3. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1. Tom loves _____ with his new pen friends in Vietnamese.
 A. chat B. chatting C. chatted D. chats
2. Did you _____ listening to fairy tales when you were a child?
 A. fancies B. adored C. fond of D. adore
3. My students don't mind _____ English stories, some even adore doing it.
 A. reading B. read C. to read D. reads
4. Minh _____ to play football, and so does his brother.
 A. likes B. enjoys C. fancies D. detest
5. Mai's foreign friends fancy _____ museums when they are in Vietnam.
 A. visits B. to visit C. visited D. visiting
6. My dad is hooked on news or football matches while my mum _____ watching fashion shows.
 A. interested in B. fond of C. prefer D. enjoys
7. Mai enjoys _____ to music, especially pop music in her free time.
 A. hearing B. playing C. listening D. talking
8. My grandparents love _____ very much. There are lots of beautiful flowers and fresh vegetables in their garden.
 A. doing garden B. doing gardening C. do gardening D. to do garden
9. You should avoid _____ too much TV. It's not good for your eyes. She feels relaxing.
 A. seeing B. looking C. watching D. glancing
10. Nga likes _____ with her close friend on Saturday evenings.
 A. window shop B. window to shop C. window shopping D. window shops
11. We really enjoyed flying kites over the green rice _____ during our picnic last year.
 A. lighthouse B. village C. countryside D. fields
12. _____ is often the hardest but the most important time to people living in the countryside.
 A. Tet holiday B. Harvest time C. Daylight time D. Travelling
13. It is _____ in the city than it is in the country.
 A. noisily B. more noisier C. noisier D. noisy
14. The English test was _____ than I thought it would be.
 A. more easily B. more easy C. easiest D. easier
15. English is thought to be _____ than Math.
 A. harder B. the more hard C. hardest D. the hardest
16. Her office is _____ away than mine.
 A. father B. more far C. farther D. farer
17. The streets in cities are _____ than those in the countryside.
 A. crowded B. more crowded C. crowder D. less crowded
18. She wants to _____ the club to connect with new friends.
 A. cook B. browse C. join D. log
19. We _____ the school website to find the school activities.
 A. focus B. thank C. deny D. browse
20. I log _____ to my Facebook account to post my photos and chat with everyone.
 A. on B. about C. with D. at
21. My father is an engineer, _____ he often has to work away from home.
 A. and B. or C. but D. so
22. This year the Mid-Autumn Festival falls on the next Sunday, _____ I can go home and reunite with my family.
 A. and B. or C. but D. so

23. Would you like to drink milk tea _____ coffee?
A. or B. otherwise C. so D. therefore
24. Ann is very sensitive; _____, you shouldn't comment on his new shoes.
A. but B. therefore C. however D. so
25. My mother is occupied in her job, _____ she tries to make time for me.
A. and B. or C. but D. so
26. I am learning English _____ I want to get a good job after school.
A. but B. because C. so D. therefore
27. Do you want to join us _____ do you want to leave now?
A. and B. or C. but D. so
28. I used to go _____ buffaloes when I was small.
A. herding B. hiking C. cooking D. milking
29. Teenagers have _____ from their exams, peers and parents.
A. friends B. pressure C. relative D. interests
30. On the farm, uncle Duong showed us how to _____ cucumbers.
A. plough B. produce C. pick D. put up

Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

1. - Nga: Would you like to hang out with me? - Hoa: "_____"
A. Yes, I'd like B. No, I don't like C. Yes, I'd love to D. Never mind
2. - An: Do you fancy going out? - Lan: "_____"
A. Yes, that's great B. No, I like going out C. Yes, I don't D. Yes, I fancy
3. - Na: Which leisure activity is more exciting, doing DIY or making crafts? - Anh: "_____"
A. I think doing DIY is
B. I don't know. It may be doing DIY.
C. Doing DIY is more exciting than making crafts.
D. All are correct
4. - Ann: "What do you usually do on Sundays?" - Mary: "_____"
A. I used to drive to work B. I'm not doing anything
C. I usually sleep until noon D. I'd be sleeping
5. What do you think about this book? "_____"
A. That's right B. No, it not C. It's right D. Oh, excellent
6. - Lan: "Have you ever ridden a cart?" - Nam: "_____"
A. Yes, we do. B. That's a good idea. C. No, but I'd like to. D. Not at all.
7. - Ba: "Why don't we take a trip to my home town?" - Nam: "_____"
A. Yes, we do. B. That's a good idea. C. Not at all. D. You're welcome.
8. - Nick: "How is your stay there?" - Nam: "_____"
A. Yes, please. B. So exciting. C. Never mind. D. Sure
9. - Lan: "What are you doing there?" - Nam: "_____"
A. Lots of things. B. Good idea. C. Ok. D. Not at all.
10. Tom: How about playing a game of chess? Mai: _____
A. No, that's a waste of time B. I'd love to. But I have to finish my homework first
C. Chess is interesting to play D. I'm sorry. Don't ask me to do that
11. Nick: Could you tell me how I can deal with a bully? Mi: _____
A. That's very kind of you. Thanks B. Who's he? I don't know him
C. You should talk to your parents about him D. Call me, please!
12. Teacher: Would you like to discuss the causes of your stress in our forum? Student: _____
A. No, I would B. That's a good idea
C. Yes, I would join the forum D. That's very kind of you

Exercise 5. Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. What does the sign say?



- A. Standing
- B. One way street
- C. Girl and boy
- D. Restroom

2. What does the sign say?



- A. Pedestrian cross the road here.
- B. You mustn't drive here.
- C. This street is for pedestrians only.
- D. You mustn't walk here.

3. What does the sign say?



- A. Do not turn right here!
- B. Do not turn around here!
- C. Do not park your car here!
- D. Do not go this way!

4. What does the sign say?



- A. You must be careful with drunk drivers!
- B. You should be careful as there is a pub ahead!
- C. You mustn't drive after drinking!
- D. You mustn't drive while seeing a glass of wine!

5. What does the sign say?



- A. You can use this door anytime you want to enter.
- B. This door is only for use in emergencies when you need to leave quickly.
- C. Everyone should use this door to enter the building.
- D. This door is locked and cannot be opened at all.

6. What does the notice say?

**"No smoking is allowed inside this building.
Please use the designated smoking areas outside"**

- A. Do not smoke inside. Use smoking areas outside.
- B. Smoking is allowed in any parts of the building.
- C. You can smoke anywhere inside the building.
- D. Smoking is only allowed in specific rooms inside.

7. What does the notice say?

**"The restroom is temporarily closed for maintenance.
It will open as soon as the work is finished"**

- A. The restroom is closed and will open later.
- B. The restroom is open but being cleaned.
- C. The restroom is always open.
- D. You can use the restroom in a different building.

8. What does the notice say?

**"No food or drink is allowed inside this area.
Please finish your snacks before entering"**

- A. Only food is not allowed; drinks are fine.
 - B. You can eat and drink inside this area.
 - C. Do not bring food or drinks inside. Finish them first.
 - D. You can bring food but no drinks are allowed.
9. What does the notice say?

**Caution:
The floor is wet. Please walk carefully to avoid slipping**

- A. There is no need to be careful on the floor.
 - B. The floor is wet, stand still and avoid moving.
 - C. The floor is always wet and slippery.
 - D. The floor is wet, so be careful when walking.
10. What does the notice say?

**"No cell phones allowed in this area.
Please turn off your phone or put it on silent"**

- A. You must have permission to use the phone in this area.
- B. You may not turn off your phone if you are not using it.
- C. Cell phones are only for emergency use here.
- D. Cell phones must be turned off or silenced in this area.

Exercise 6. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

A. Poor farmers use the (1) _____ land over and over. The land also needs a rest so that it (2) _____ be better and ready for the following crop. (3) _____ farmers must have food to support their lives. They cut down (4) _____ for firewood and for soil. In some areas where all trees are (5) _____, the land becomes a desert. No one wants to live in the desert, but people still need wood to prepare for their meals and warm them up in the winter. It's hard to (6) _____ the awareness of the poor to save the environment for the future.

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| 1. A. similar | B. same | C. likely | D. alike |
| 2. A. will | B. have | C. used to | D. seems |
| 3. A. Therefore | B. However | C. So | D. Moreover |
| 4. A. trees | B. flowers | C. bushes | D. leaves |
| 5. A. made | B. disappeared | C. done | D. gone |
| 6. A. seems | B. rise | C. raise | D. height |

B. There are many reasons why it (1) _____ important to have a hobby. It will give you a pleasure (2) _____ help you relax. Many old people enjoy gardening. They (3) _____ a lot of trees and vegetables, so they can sell them for some money. In addition, a hobby can help you connect with other people. If you like (4) _____ stamps, you can join a stamp club to share your albums with other collectors. If your hobby is carving eggshells, you can give your products to your friends (5) _____ gifts.

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| 1. A. have | B. do | C. are | D. is |
| 2. A. and | B. but | C. or | D. so |
| 3. A. grows | B. to grow | C. growing | D. grow |
| 4. A. gardening | B. playing | C. selling | D. collecting |
| 5. A. for | B. as | C. in | D. with |

C. The first major cause for stress is school. Test (1) _____, trying to achieve excellent grades, starting a new school, trying to fit in, those can cause stress school, stress cannot be always (2) _____, some will cause pressure that will cause one (3) _____ work harder. But mainly stress leads to headaches, lack of concentration, (4) _____ or stomachaches. I understand these past couple weeks I have undertaken more stress than I ever have left before. I had project deadline, huge tests coming up, and semester tests in general. (5) _____, school is a major source for stress.

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| 1. A. took | B. take | C. taking | D. taken |
| 2. A. good | B. terrible | C. interesting | D. bad-tempered |
| 3. A. by | B. in | C. with | D. to |
| 4. A. forget | B. forgetfulness | C. forgot | D. forgetful |
| 5. A. In summary | B. In addition | C. Moreover | D. Add to |

Exercise 7: Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

A. Almost everybody has some kinds of hobby. My hobbies are listening to music and watching television. I am very fond of music. When I am free, I often listen to my favorite songs from an old cassette recorder. At weekends, I usually go to music shops in the downtown areas to buy good CDs. Of the famous pop singers, I prefer Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Madonna and Paul McCartney. I also spend an hour after dinner watching news and documentary programmes. I particularly enjoy the programme "The World Here and There" because it broadens my knowledge of nature and human civilizations.

I think that my hobbies are very useful. They widen my knowledge, relax my mind, and make me feel better about myself.

- The writer's hobbies are _____.
 A. listening to music and playing games. B. playing games and watching TV.
 C. watching TV and listening to music. D. reading books and playing games.
- The writer often listens to his favorite songs from _____.
 A. a cassette recorder B. a laptop C. a mobile phone D. a computer
- Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?
 A. The writer usually listens to music with his friends.
 B. The writer usually stays at home and listens to music.
 C. The writer usually listens to music at music shops.
 D. The writer usually goes downtown to buy CDS.
- Why does he enjoy the programme "The World Here and There"?
 A. Because he can see his most famous singers. B. Because it widens his knowledge.
 C. Because it contains some music programmes. D. Because he prefers to listen to Paul Cartney.
- The word useful is CLOSEST meaning to _____.
 A. available B. hospitable C. beneficial D. beautiful

B. Living in the country is something that people from the city often dream about. However, in reality, it has both advantages and disadvantages.

There are certainly many advantages to living in the country. First, you can enjoy peace and quietness. Moreover, people tend to be friendlier. A further advantage is that there is less traffic, so it is safer for young children.

However, there are certain disadvantages or drawbacks to life outside the city. First, because there are fewer people, you are likely to have few friends. In addition, entertainment is difficult to find, particularly in the evening. Furthermore, the fact that there are fewer shops and services means that it is hard to find jobs.

In short, it can be seen the country is more suitable for some people than others. On the whole, it is often the best for those who are retired or who have young children. In contrast, young people who have a career are better provided in the city.

1. According to the passage, living in the country has _____.
 A. only good points B. only bad points
 C. both good and bad points D. no disadvantages
2. How many advantages does living in the country have?
 A. two B. three C. four D. no
3. Living in the country is safer for young children because _____.
 A. there is less traffic B. there are few shops C. there are fewer people D. there are few services
4. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?
 A. People in the country tend to be friendlier than people in the city.
 B. It's hard to find entertainment in the country.
 C. There are fewer shops and services in the country.
 D. The country is only suitable for retired people.
5. Having few friends is _____.
 A. one of drawbacks to life in the country
 B. the only disadvantage to living in the countryside
 C. one of drawbacks to life outside the city
 D. one of advantages to life outside the city
6. The word **quietness** in the second paragraph is OPPOSITE meaning to _____.
 A. tiredness B. noise C. business D. noisy

Exercise 8.

I. Four sentences have been removed from the conversations below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C, D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

- A. Who's she?
 B. Does she live near here?
 C. Do you fancy coming with us?
 D. How do you know her?

Mai: Hi, Susan. I'm going out with Hoa and Lan this evening. _____ 1 _____ We're going to have something to eat and then go to the cinema.

Susan: I can't. I'm going to chat with Linda.

Mai: _____ 2 _____

Susan: She's my best friend. You don't know her.

Mai: _____ 3 _____

Susan: We chat online. She's great.

Mai: _____ 4 _____

Susan: No. She's from Scotland. I really like her; we chat all the time.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

II. Four phrases/ sentences have been removed from the conversations below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C, D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

- A. You don't worry about delay or being late any more.
 B. the fresh air and the open space
 C. to make you fit and happy
 D. We can't enjoy social activities there, especially in the evening.

Nick: Hi, Mai. Have you just come back from your stay in the countryside?

Mai: Yeah, I stayed on my uncle's farm for the weekend. It's a real life, I think.

Nick: Do you really like the life in the countryside? Why?

Mai: First, you can enjoy _____ 1 _____.

Nick: What do you mean, Mai?

Mai: In the countryside, we have the yard or the garden to play in. You can run around, kick a ball or chase butterflies.

Nick: In my opinion, the countryside...it's only nice if people are retired or they get old.

_____ 2 _____.

Mai: But in the country, you are not in a hurry. _____ 3 _____. We can say "no" to traffic jams there.

Nick: Well, the traffic systems in the city are becoming much better. Anyway, we can ride a bicycle around _____ 4 _____.

Mai: I see. Maybe we can live in the town and go to the countryside at the weekend or during the summer holiday.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Exercise 9.

I. Put the sentences (a-d) in the correct order to have logical text.

Studies have proven that school club activities are important to both the physical and mental development of children. _____

- a. Moreover, children mix with friends from different classes in a new environment where they can learn, share, and appreciate each other.
- b. Last but not least, when children work together in a team to deal with a problem or to do tasks, they have to work together to think about what they should do to complete the task.
- c. In sports clubs, kids play sports regularly, and under the guidance of their coaches they improve their physical health.
- d. Third, when they work with new friends in a club, they will become more confident and independent.

A. a – c – b – d

B. c – a – d – b

B. c – b – a – d

D. a – d – b – c

II. Put the sentences (a-c) in the correct order to have logical text.

Students can do a few things to make homework less stressful. One way is pacing yourselves.

- a. Most middle students should have between 1 and 3 hours of homework a night.
- b. If you don't finish your homework during school, think about how much you have left and what else is going on that day, and then plan your time.
- c. If it is a heavy homework day, you will need to devote more time to homework.

A. b – c – a

B. a – c – b

C. c – b – a

D. b – a – c

Exercise 10. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their original meanings.

1. I am interested in studying Chinese.

I like _____

2. I am interested in going camping with my close friends.

I fancy _____

3. It is not a problem to me whether I have to pick her up to the cinema or not.

I don't mind _____

4. John cannot bear listening to such kind of noisy music.

John dislikes _____

5. Watching historical films is very interesting to my younger brother.

My younger brother enjoys _____

6. It is really interesting for him to talk with his music teacher about jazz.

He fancies _____

7. He uses all his free time to look after his garden.

He spends _____

8. Making crafts or collecting things like stamps and coins are very interesting.

It's very _____

Exercise 11. Complete the sentences with suitable forms of the adverbs given in the brackets.

1. Nick is a careful writer than Phuc. (carefully)

Nick writes essays _____

2. A snail is slower than a crab. (slowly)

A snail moves _____

3. My father's explanation about the subject was clearer than my brother's. (clearly)

My father explained the subject _____

4. My cousin is a better singer than I am. (well)

My cousin sings _____

5. Phong is a faster swimmer than Phuc. (fast)

Phong swims _____

Exercise 12. Write compound sentences using the conjunctive adverb in brackets

1. He was tired. He kept running. (but)

2. She first disagreed to join our journey. She changed her mind later. (however)

3. Please increase the air-conditioner's temperature. We will be frozen in here. (otherwise)

4. I was ill yesterday. I could not come. (therefore)

5. I must review my lesson. I can't come with you now. (for)

Exercise 13. Write full sentences using the suggested words and phrases given. You can add some words or make changes to the given words and phrases.

1. Teens / may feel / stressed / when / classmates / do better / than them / school.

2. Some teens / participate / school clubs / make / new / friends.

3. Some teens / feel / pressure / because / they / want / fit / a group.

4. Nam / not good / dancing / however / he / member / dancing club.

5. Lan / fond / message / friends / because / it / more convenient / calling.

6. Feed / pigs / and / milk / cows / be / her / daily / activity.

7. Today / farmer / village / usually / use / combine harvester / harvest / crops.

8. Teenagers' / stress / may / come / schoolwork / family / friends.

The end