

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. childhood B. biography C. marriage D. biological
2. A. admire B. achievement C. adopt D. army
3. A. campaign B. diary C. biography D. military
4. A. stylish B. contribution C. achievement D. communist
5. A. diagnosed B. distinguished C. passed D. launched

Exercise 2: 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. campaign B. duty C. genius D. knowledge
2. A. cancer B. army C. battle D. account
3. A. impact B. inspire C. decide D. prefer
4. A. considerate B. priority C. influential D. experience
5. A. ambitious B. visionary C. creative D. impressive

Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Despite growing up in an orphanage, she always felt a strong connection to her _____ family, hoping to reunite with them someday.
A. biological B. ambitious C. cutting-edge D. creative
2. After being _____ with a rare genetic disorder, he channeled his energy into raising awareness and funds for research.
A. dedicated B. admired C. volunteered D. diagnosed
3. The soldiers who fought together in the war formed a tight-knit brotherhood, forever _____ by their shared experiences.
A. adopted B. devoted C. bonded D. investigated
4. During the Vietnam War, brave soldiers in the Vietnamese _____ fought valiantly to defend their homeland.
A. army B. operation C. college D. marriage
5. The successful defense of Dien Bien Phu marked a significant _____ for Vietnam in its struggle for independence.
A. account B. impression C. achievement D. opinion
6. The strong bond between _____ who fought side by side created lifelong friendships.
A. soldiers B. biographies C. accounts D. experiences
7. Even in challenging conditions, Vietnamese women maintained their _____ traditional clothing and cultural identity.
A. diary B. stylish C. resign D. biography
8. Daniel inherited the whole legacy of his grandma when she _____ last week.
A. brought up B. passed out C. passed away D. brought around
9. Nguyen Hue, with his _____ leadership, created a people's army, no matter small or large.
A. genius B. duty C. achievement D. itinerary
10. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who _____ her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world.
A. cutting-edge B. pancreatic C. visionary D. dedicated
11. He didn't get married and _____ a child from the orphanage.
A. adopted B. adapted C. advertised D. admitted
12. While he was doing his _____, he was killed by the enemy.
A. visionary B. animated C. duty D. stylish
13. The website gives brief _____ of some famous historical figures in Vietnam.
A. determinations B. biographies C. cancers D. rules

14. A _____ and creative leader will navigate his business through the most difficult period.
A. visionary B. biography C. discovery D. encouragement
15. One of her _____ achievements is the discovery of radium and polonium.
A. impress B. impressive C. impression D. impressively
16. The company's sales have doubled since the introduction of new _____ technology.
A. full-length B. traditional C. cutting-edge D. standard
17. It was their determination that helped them _____ the enemy.
A. contain B. publish C. remain D. defeat
18. Nelson Mandela is one of the most _____ political leaders of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century.
A. admired B. perfect C. talent D. skilled
19. When we were on a voluntary tour, we _____ to public places to collect rubbish every day.
A. were going B. went C. have gone D. had gone
20. I _____ about him when suddenly he came in.
A. talk B. talked C. am talking D. was talking
21. I was revising for my civics class when my dad _____ me about the volunteer job.
A. tell B. was telling C. told D. had told
22. When Tien _____ some photos of the wildlife reserve, it started to rain heavily.
A. has taken B. was taking C. would take D. is taking
23. I _____ Maria for the first time at the Heart-to-Heart Charity Office.
A. saw B. was seeing C. was seen D. has seen
24. We _____ our quality time when the unexpected guess _____.
A. had – came B. were having - came
C. had been having – came D. have had – would have come
25. When I went to get the tickets, I realised I _____ any money.
A. wasn't having B. didn't have C. haven't had D. hadn't had
26. I _____ an online class in Advanced Maths when the Wi-Fi got disconnected.
A. attends B. have attended C. was attending D. had attended
27. When I first saw Miriam, I _____ her to come in for tea and we talked for nearly two hours.
A. invited B. invite C. have invited D. was inviting
28. While he _____ some plants in the garden, his wife was preparing dinner.
A. waters B. is watering C. would water D. was watering
29. The girls were chatting _____ the boys were playing games.
A. when B. while C. during D. at the same time
30. The boys broke a window when they _____ football.
A. played B. were playing C. half played D. are playing
31. Last night, we _____ for you for ages but you never _____ up.
A. waited – showed B. would wait - showed
C. were waiting - were showing D. waited – was showing
32. Last night at this time, they _____ the same thing. She _____ and he _____ the newspaper.
A. are doing/ is cooking/ is reading B. were doing/ was cooking/ was reading
C. was doing/ has cooked/ is reading D. had done/ was cooking/ read
33. We _____ to the hospital to visit Mike when he _____ to say that he was fine.
A. were driving - was calling B. drove - called
C. were driving – called D. drove - was calling
34. While Phong _____ a presentation, his laptop suddenly crashed.
A. has given B. was giving C. is giving D. gives
35. What _____ to you on Sunday night?
A. happen B. happened C. was happening D. would happen

36. He was talking to his mother about his first day at school when his phone _____.
 A. rings B. was ringing C. rang D. has rung
37. I first met her four years ago when we _____ at a middle school.
 A. had been studying B. are studying C. have been studying D. were studying

Exercise 4: Put the verb in the past simple tense or the past continuous.

- When I (arrive) _____ at this house, he still (sleep) _____.
- The light (go) _____ out while we (have) _____ dinner.
- Bill (have) _____ breakfast when I (stop) _____ at this house this morning.
- She (wash) _____ up when Tam (arrive) _____ at this house.
- As we (cross) _____ the Street, we (see) _____ an accident.
- Tom (see) _____ a serious accident while he (stand) _____ at the bus stop.
- The children (play) _____ football when their mother (come) _____ back home.
- The bell (ring) _____ while Tom (take) _____ a bath.
- He (sit) _____ in a car when I (see) _____ him.
- We (clean) _____ the house when she (come) _____ yesterday.

Exercise 5: Read the following advertisement / announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks

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My Tam Live Concert in Ho Tram!

 **Date:** May 11, 2024

 **Time:** 7:00 PM

 **Venue:** My Soul 1981, Hồ Tràm, Bà Rịa Vũng Tàu

Get ready for an (1) _____ night with the sensational Vietnamese singer, My Tam! She'll be performing her greatest hits, captivating the audience with her soulful voice and mesmerizing stage presence.

Tickets (2) _____ fast, so grab yours now! Don't miss this chance to experience the magic of My Tam live in concert. For ticket information and reservations, visit My Tam's official website (<https://www.mytam.info>) or call our hotline at +84 123 456 789. See you there!

1. A. unforgettable B. boring C. animated D. creative
2. A. sold B. was selling C. have sold D. are selling
3. A. For B. And C. Yet D. Nor

②

Meeting with General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong

We are pleased to announce a significant bilateral meeting between General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong of (4) _____ Communist Party of Vietnam and President Joseph R. Biden Jr. of the United States. This historic occasion marks the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam-U.S. Comprehensive Partnership. The leaders will discuss bilateral ties, (5) _____ issues, and further strengthen the bonds of friendship between our nations. The meeting will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam, and underscores the importance of cooperation and (6) _____ development in the region and the world.

1. A. the B. an C. a D. no article
2. A. internationally B. nationality C. international D. nation
3. A. sustainable B. rare C. accessible D. cutting-edge

Exercise 6: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

Question 1:

- a. She joined the Viet Minh and became a guerrilla fighter at a very young age.
- b. Take care, and I look forward to catching up soon! Warm regards, Thanh
- c. Unfortunately, she was apprehended by the French authorities and executed by firing squad when she was only 19 years old.
- d. Her grave, located in Hang Duong Cemetery, stands as a symbol of her courage and the revolutionary spirit. It's a place of great historical significance, and I felt honored to pay my respects there.
- e. Dear Ann, I hope this letter finds you well. I recently had the opportunity to visit Vo Thi Sau's grave in Con Dao, Vietnam.
- f. Vo Thi Sau was a remarkable Vietnamese schoolgirl who became involved in revolutionary activities.

- A. e – d – a – b – f – c B. d – f – b – a – c – e
C. e – f – a – c – d – b D. b – f – c – e – a – d

Question 2:

- a. Despite health challenges, he authored over 30 works, including poems, stories, and memoirs. His life exemplified perseverance and lifelong learning, inspiring students to overcome difficulties.
- b. Teacher Nguyen Ngoc Ky, who wrote with his feet, inspired generations of Vietnamese students.
- c. His determination led him to participate in the national math contest in 1963, where he placed fifth and received recognition from President Ho Chi Minh. Ky later majored in Literature at Hanoi University and became a teacher.
- d. In 2005, he was recognized as "Vietnam's first teacher to write with his feet." Teacher Nguyen Ngoc Ky's legacy reminds us that "nothing is impossible".
- e. Born in 1947 in the northern province of Nam Dinh, Ky faced a severe illness that left him without the use of his arms at the age of four.
- f. However, he refused to surrender to despair. Using his feet, he accomplished tasks that others do with their hands.

- A. d – f – b – a – c – e B. e – d – a – b – f – c
C. b – f – c – e – a – d D. b – e – f – c – a – d

Exercise 7: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

① Gia Long was the first emperor of the Nguyen dynasty as well as the founding father of the modern nation of Vietnam. Born as Nguyen Phuc Anh, he was the nephew of the last Nguyen lord who ruled over southern Vietnam. (1) _____ being born into a royal family, he had to (2) _____ many difficulties in his early life as he became the target of rival groups who attempted to wipe out the Nguyen clan completely. After the deaths of his father and uncle at the hands of the rival leaders, Nguyen Phuc Anh fled to the southern coastal tip of Vietnam where by chance he met a French priest, Pigneau de Behaine, who would (3) _____ become his trusted adviser and play a major role in his rise to power. He escaped with the help of the priest and later on sought aid from the French in his struggle against his rivals. (4) _____ the help of the French, and equipped with advanced European armaments, he was (5) _____ in securing victories over his rivals.

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| 1. A. Because of | B. In view of | C. Despite of | D. In spite of |
| 2. A. encounter | B. adopt | C. manage | D. bond |
| 3. A. at last | B. especially | C. specially | D. eventually |
| 4. A. With | B. Without | C. But for | D. Thanks |
| 5. A. engaged | B. involved | C. successful | D. attended |

②

THE PRICE OF FAME

Charlotte Church looks like a normal teenager, but she is far from average. She has an amazing voice. Her fan stands in queues for hours to get tickets for her concerts, and she is often on television. Charlotte's singing (1) _____ began when she performed on a TV show at the age of 11. The head

of a record company was so impressed by her voice that he signed her up on the spot. Her first album rose to number one in the charts.

Charlotte still attends school in her home town when she can. However, she is often away on tour for weeks at a time. She doesn't miss out on lessons, though, because she takes her own tutor with her! She (2) _____ three hours every morning with him. Her exam results in all the subjects she studies are impressive.

But how does she (3) _____ with this unusual way of life? She insists that she has the same friends as before. That may be true, but she can no longer go into town with them because everybody stops her in the street to ask for her (4) _____. It seems that, like most stars, she must learn to (5) _____ these restrictions and the lack of privacy. It's the price of fame.

Question 1: A. profession B. marriage C. career D. blockbuster

Question 2: A. admires B. spends C. takes D. devotes

Question 3: A. cope B. adjust C. bear D. tolerate

Question 4: A. letter B. autograph C. signs D. writing

Question 5: A. look down on B. make do with C. run out of D. put up with

Exercise 8: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

① The school field trip last year had a big impact on my life. (1) _____ the forest, a sudden rainstorm caught us off guard. As the rain poured down, I found myself helping others, (2) _____, and laughing together. The experience was (3) _____ a turning point, not just in the trip, but in my life. It felt (4) _____ bonds were forming, and friendships were growing stronger. The shared laughter and struggles created a connection as we faced the unexpected together. This event left (5) _____ and the friendships I appreciate.

1. A. When we explore B. While we were exploring
C. While we are exploring D. When we have explored

2. A. sharing umbrellas B. I shared umbrellas
C. to share umbrellas D. umbrellas were shared

3. A. if B. though C. like D. as

4. A. as if B. as like C. though as D. though

5. A. a lasting perspective on my impact B. an impact on my lasting perspective
C. a perspective on my lasting impact D. a lasting impact on my perspective

② Donald John Trump is the 45th President of the United States, in office since January 20, 2017. In addition to being a politician, he is a successful business magnate and television personality as well. The son of a wealthy real estate developer, Trump attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1) _____. He owned several beauty pageants and ventured into reality television as well. (2) _____, he entered national politics in the early 2000s and set his eyes on the presidential office. As a politician, his career was marred by allegations of sexual misconduct and he also earned much (3) _____ for his extravagant lifestyle and controversial comments on immigrants from Islamic nations. (4) _____ Trump ran for the 2016 presidential election as a Republican and defeated Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in a surprise victory. Donald Trump is the first person to assume presidency without prior military or government service and at 70, (5) _____.

Question 1:

- A. before taking charge of his family's business
- B. Between taking charge of his family's business
- C. after taking charge of his family's business
- D. Without taking charge of his family's business

Question 2:

- A. Expanding the horizons of his ambitions
- B. Reducing the horizons of his ambitions
- C. Admiring the horizons of his ambitions
- D. Diagnosing the horizons of his ambitions

Question 3: A. criticism

B. accusation

C. blame

D. conviction

Question 4:

A. Thanks to the controversies surrounding him

B. Despite the controversies surrounding him

C. With the controversies surrounding him

D. Other than the controversies surrounding him

Question 5:

A. she is also the oldest one to assume the office

B. he is also the oldest one to invest the office

C. she is also the oldest one to participate the office

D. he is also the oldest one to assume the office

Exercise 9: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 1 to 5.

① Steve Jobs, a genius in the world of technology, was born in 1955 and adopted by a working-class family. He dropped out of college, taking a leap into the unknown, where he found his passion for technology and creativity.

In 1976, Jobs met Steve Wozniak, and together **they** founded Apple, a company that would revolutionise the computer industry with cutting-edge innovations. Apple's Macintosh computer and the iconic iPhone are testaments to Jobs' commitment to cutting-edge design and user-friendly technology.

Apart from his work at Apple, Jobs also played a significant role in the success of Pixar Animation Studios, where he contributed to the creation of the first computer-animated film, Toy Story. Despite facing **setbacks**, such as being diagnosed with cancer, Jobs continued to lead Apple until his passing away in 2011.

His legacy lives on through the products and innovations that have shaped the way people live and work in the digital age.

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. Steve Jobs' academic achievements

B. Steve Jobs' life and achievements

C. Steve Jobs' rare disease

D. Steve Jobs' first company

2. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT stated about Steve Jobs?

A. He was adopted by a working-class family.

B. He found a passion for technology from childhood.

C. He didn't finish his college education.

D. He's a genius in the world of technology.

3. The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to .

A. cutting-edge innovations

B. Apple's Macintosh computer and iPhone

C. Jobs and Steve Wozniak

D. design and technology

4. The word **setbacks** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to .

A. difficulties

B. advantages

C. results

D. influences

5. Which of the following is true about Steve Jobs?

A. He contributed to the success of Pixar Animation Studios.

B. He established Apple without the help of Steve Wozniak.

C. He didn't lead Apple when he was diagnosed with cancer.

D. His ambition was to shape the way people lived and worked

② David Beckham is an English footballer who has played for Manchester United and Real Madrid, as well as representing his country 100 times. He moved to the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007 to increase the profile of football in America. He married *Spice Girl* Victoria Beckham and has become a worldwide celebrity, an advertising brand and a fashion icon.

Beckham was born in London in 1975. His parents were **fanatical** Manchester United supporters. His talent was obvious from an early age and he signed with Manchester United on his

fourteenth birthday. He helped the youth team win several trophies and made his first team debut in 1995. He helped his team achieve considerable success in his eleven seasons with them.

Beckham has been runner-up twice as world football's best player. He won many trophies with Manchester United, including the Champions League, and won a league title with Real Madrid. He also captained his club and country. He was famously sent off in a match against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup. In 2003, Beckham received an honour for services to football from Britain's Queen.

Beckham has many interests off the soccer pitch and is rarely out of the headlines, especially concerning his marriage and children. He has established football academies in Los Angeles and London. In 2006 he was named a judge for the British Book Awards. He lives near Tom Cruise and the two are best buddies. Beckham is also a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador.

1. What is the main idea of the reading passage?
 - A. The life and career of David Beckham
 - B. Beckham's family background
 - C. Beckham's life before and after getting married
 - D. Beckham's marriage with a Spice Girl's member
2. According to the passage, Beckham has played 100 times for _____.
 - A. Real Madrid
 - B. Manchester United
 - C. the national team of America
 - D. The national team of England
3. The word "**fanatical**" is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. inspired
 - B. enthusiastic
 - C. realistic
 - D. idealistic
4. When did Beckham receive the royal award for his contribution to football?
 - A. In 1995
 - B. In 1998
 - C. In 2003
 - D. In 2006
5. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Beckham?
 - A. He contributed to the success of the youth team of the Manchester United.
 - B. He made England lose the match against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup.
 - C. He was voted one of the best football players of the world more than once.
 - D. Some of Beckham's interests are not related to football.

Exercise 10: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 1 to 7.

① A large number of inventions require years of **arduous** research and development before they are perfected. For instance, Thomas Edison had to make more than 1,000 attempts to invent the incandescent light bulb before he finally succeeded. History is replete with numerous other examples of people trying, yet failing to make inventions before they eventually succeeded. Yet some inventions have come about not through hard work but simply by accident in most cases, when someone unintentionally invented something, the inventor was attempting to create something else. For example, in the 1930s, chemist Roy Plunkett was attempting to make a new substance that could be used to refrigerate items. He mixed some chemicals together. Then, he put them into a pressurized container and cooled the mixture. By the time his experiment was complete, he had a new invention. It was not a new substance that could be used for refrigeration though. Instead, he had invented Teflon, which is today most commonly used to make nonstick pots and pans. Similarly, decades earlier, John Pemberton was a pharmacist in Atlanta, Georgia. He was attempting to create a tonic that people could use whenever they had headaches. While he was not successful in that **endeavor**, he managed to invent Coca-Cola, the world - famous carbonated soft drink.

Scientists have also made crucial discoveries by accident when they were conducting experiments. In 1928, Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, an antibiotic in this manner. He discovered some mold growing in a dish with some bacteria. He noticed that the bacteria seemed to be avoiding the mold. When he investigated further, he determined some of the many useful properties of penicillin, which has saved millions of lives over the past few decades. Likewise, in 1946, scientist Percy Spencer was conducting an experiment with microwaves. He had a candy bar in his pocket, and he noticed that it suddenly melted. He investigated and learned the reason why that

had happened. Soon afterward, he built a device that could utilize microwaves to heat food, the microwave oven.

1. Which title best summarizes the main idea of the passage _____.
A. History's Most Important Inventions B. Accidental Inventions and Discoveries
C. How to Become a Great Inventor D. You Don't Always Get What You Want
2. In paragraph 1, the word "**arduous**" is closest in meaning to _____.
A. detailed B. tough C. specific D. constant
3. In paragraph 2, the word "**endeavor**" is closest in meaning to _____.
A. research B. dream C. request D. attempt
4. What does the author say about Teflon?
A. People first used it as a refrigeration device.
B. It was created many years before Coca-Cola.
C. The man who made it was a pharmacist.
D. It is used for kitchenware nowadays.
5. Who was John Pemberton?
A. The person who made Teflon B. The creator of Coca-Cola
C. The man who discovered penicillin D. The inventor of the microwave
6. The author uses Alexander Fleming as an example of _____.
A. one of the most famous inventors in history
B. a person who made an accidental scientific discovery
C. someone who became a millionaire from his invention
D. a man who dedicated his life to medical science
7. What does the author imply about penicillin?
A. Doctors seldom use it nowadays. B. Some people are not affected by it.
C. It is an invaluable medical supply. D. Mold combines with bacteria to make it.

② Joyce Carol Oates published her first collection of short stories, **By The North Gate**, in 1963, two years after she had received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and become an instructor of English at the University of Detroit. Her productivity since then has been prodigious, accumulating in less than two decades to nearly thirty titles, including novels, collections of short stories and verse, play and literary criticism. In the meantime, she has continued to teach, moving in 1967 from the University of Detroit to the University of Windsor, in Ontario, and, in 1978, to Princeton University. Reviewers have admired her enormous energy, but find a productivity of such magnitude difficult to assess.

In a period characterized by the abandonment of so much of the realistic tradition by authors such as John Barth, Donald Barthelme, and Thomas Pynchon, Joyce Carol Oates has seemed at times determinedly old-fashioned in her insistence on the essentially mimetic quality of other fiction. Hers is a world of violence, insanity, fractured love, and hopeless loneliness. Although some of it appears to come from her own direct observations, her dreams, and her fears, much more is clearly from the experiences of others. Her first novel **With Shuddering Fall** (1964), dealt with stock car racing, though she had never seen a race. In *Them* (1969) she focused on Detroit from the Depression through the riots of 1967, drawing much of her material from the deep impression made on her by the problems of one of her students. Whatever the source and however shocking the events or the motivations, however, her **fictive** world remains strikingly akin to that real one reflected in the daily newspapers, the television news and talk shows, and popular magazines of our day.

1. What is the main purpose of the passage?
A. To review Oates' *By the North Gate* B. To compare some modern writers
C. To outline Oates' career D. To describe Oates' childhood
2. Which of the following does the passage indicate about Joyce Carol Oates' first publication?
A. It was not successful B. It was a volume of short fiction
C. It was part of her master's thesis. D. It was about an English instructor in Detroit

3. Which of the following does the passage suggest about Joyce Carol Oates in terms of her writing career?
- A. Most of her work is based on personal experience.
 - B. Her style is imitative of other contemporary authors.
 - C. She has produced a surprising amount of fictions in a relative short time.
 - D. She has experienced long nonproductive periods in her writing.
4. The word "**fictive**" in the passage is closest in meaning to ____.
- A. imaginary
 - B. attractive
 - C. helpful
 - D. impressive
5. What was the subject of Joyce Carol Oates' first novel?
- A. Loneliness
 - B. Racing
 - C. Teaching
 - D. Insanity
6. Why does the author mention Oates' book *Them*?
- A. It is her best piece of nonfiction
 - B. It is an autobiography
 - C. It is a typical novel of the 1960's.
 - D. It is a fictional work based on another person's experiences.
7. Which of the following would Joyce Carol Oates be most likely to write?
- A. A romance novel set in the nineteenth century
 - B. A story with an unhappy ending
 - C. A dialogue for a talk show
 - D. A science fiction novel