

Unit 3. BECOMING INDEPENDENT

VOCABULARY AND SPEAKING

Exercise 1. 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 questions.

- I'm totally exhausted after having finished successive assignments in only a week.
A. Jobs B. works C. exercises D. problems
- He is truly a reliable friend. He will always be with me and never let me down.
A. mean B. independent C. decisive D. dependable
- At last, Huong made a determined effort to get a scholarship so that he could have chance to study overseas.
A. tenacious B. serious C. unresolved D. necessary
- In spite of poverty and dreadful conditions, they still manage to keep their self-respect.
A. self-reliant B. self-restraint C. self-esteem D. self-assured
- All students are revising carefully, for the final test is approaching soon.
A. going fast B. reaching fast C. coming near D. getting near
- John is an admirable person as he isn't influenced by other people's opinions when making decision to do something.
A. relied B. impacted C. decided D. assigned
- He was punished for having behaved irresponsibly.
A. honestly B. imperfectly C. sensitively D. thoughtlessly
- Don't worry! The answer to this quiz is on the back page.
A. treatment B. method C. solution D. way
- Her mother forbad her going out late.
A. permitted B. claimed C. forgave D. complained
- The government found it very difficult to cope with the rising unemployment.
A. try B. manage C. reduce D. increase

Exercise 2. 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.

- Nam is considered to be the best student in our class because he's not only good at learning but also well-informed about everything around the world.
A. perfectly-informed B. misinformed C. knowledgeable D. ill-informed
- Tommy was fired owing to his arrogant manner.
A. humble B. overconfident C. superior D. haughty
- He cannot escape from being dependent on his parents.
A. flashy B. self-reliant C. self-restricted D. reliable
- With his remarkable ability, Lam can deal with this problem effectively.
A. uneffectively B. disefficiently C. ineffectively D. miseffectively
- The loud noise of my brother's playing music made me unable to concentrate on my study.
A. overcome B. control C. neglect D. conquer
- At first, he was reluctant to help us. However, after persuading for a long time, he agreed to play the guitar at our tea-shop.
A. hesitate B. willing C. eager D. keen
- Stop being mean to everyone or you'll have no friends.
A. unkind B. cruel C. generous D. frustrating
- My parents seemed fully satisfied with the result of my entrance exam.
A. pleased B. contented C. disappointed D. joyful
- After a long time working incessantly, all my efforts ended in failure.
A. success B. collapse C. breakdown D. loser
- This reference book is essential material for us to prepare for the next assignment.
A. necessary B. dispensable C. vital D. fundamental

Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. "What does your younger sister look like?" – " ____ "
A. She likes a secondary student. B. My sister is a university student.
C. She's very kind and hard working. D. She's tall and thin with long hair.
2. "Could I leave a message for your manager?" – " ____ "
A. Sure. B. Of course not. C. He's busy now. D. He's off work today.
3. "How often do you have your teeth checked?" – " ____ "
A. Two months. B. Not much. C. Rarely. D. They're checked carefully.
4. "Many happy returns!" – " ____ "
A. Wish you all the best. B. Thanks. C. Same to you. D. Not at all.
5. "How long have you learnt Japanese?" – " ____ "
A. For 2005. B. I learnt it at my university.
C. Since I was 10. D. It lasted 3 months.
6. "Is it going to rain tomorrow?" – " ____ "
A. I think not. B. I bet. C. Just a moment. D. I hope not.
7. "You look very pretty in this dress." – " ____ "
A. It's so nice of you to say that. B. Yes, it is fairly expensive.
C. I see what you mean. D. Thanks for your wish.
8. "Huy hasn't finished his assignment, has he?" – " ____ "
A. Yes, he has. He hasn't finished it yet. B. Yes, he hasn't. He's too lazy.
C. No, he has in spite of being a good student. D. No, he hasn't because of his illness.
9. "When will our factory be expanded?" – " ____ "
A. It was expanded in 1996. B. It depends on our director's decision.
C. I didn't hear about it. D. That's good news.
10. "You're late again, Peter." – " ____ "
A. It's none of your business. B. Only 5 minutes left.
C. I'm sorry. My car was broken this morning. D. I expect not to be fired.
11. "I'm meeting some friends for a meal in town tomorrow. Fancy joining us?" – " ____ "
A. That's fine. B. What's the time now?
C. I am not sure. What time? D. Fine. I won't!
12. "Can you give me some information about the city?" – " ____ "
A. Great. Thanks very much. B. No. I'm afraid not.
C. I can't help doing it. D. Certainly.
13. "Excuse me. I have a reservation for tonight." – " ____ "
A. Just a moment, please, while I check. B. I liked that one, too.
C. Wonderful! I'd like to hear some of your ideas. D. What's up?
14. "Don't forget. We are invited out to dinner tonight." – " ____ "
A. Oh, I almost forgot. B. It's so unforgettable.
C. OK, I'll try it first. D. I remember you.
15. Dr. Jonas can see you next Thursday. Do you prefer morning or afternoon?
A. That would be fine. B. Morning is best for me.
C. I am looking forward to seeing you. D. Thank you very much.