ENGLISH VOCABULARY

TOPIC 3: MUSIC

PRACTICE EXERCISES

PHONETICS

Exercise 1: Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest.

1.A. moment	B. content	C. parent	D. talent
2.A. latest	B. contest	C. request	D. suggest
3.A. debate	B. commemorate	C. certificate	D. educate
4.A. current	B. moment	C. talent	D. comment
5.A. development	B. comment	C. government	D. replacement
6.A. educate	B. concentrate	C. decorate	D. fortunate
7.A. ancient	B. urgent	C. talent	D. event
8.A. gentle	B. entrance	C. advent	D. recent
9.A. influential	B. permanently	C. confidential	D. continental
10.A. attent	B. content	C. comment	D. shipment
11. A. guest	B. manage	C. prodigy	D. teenager
12. A. demanding	B. nuance	C. ballade	D. polonaise
13.A. patriotism	B. express	C. franchise	D. composer
14. A. achievement	B. charity	C. chorus	D. franchise
15. A. renowned	B. showed	C. gifted	D. learned

Exercise 2: Choose the word whose main stress is placed differently from the other

1.A. serious	B. music	C. relax	D. energy
2.A. violin	B. serene	C. express	D. emotion
3.A. favorite	B. exciting	C. solemn	D. wonderful
4.A. composer	B. language	C. anthem	D. powerful
5.A. imagine	B. communicate	C. joyfulness	D. delightful
6.A. contest	B. talent	C. album	D. debate
7.A. concert	B. award	C. release	D. compose
8.A. contest	B. debut	C. release	D. record (n)
9.A. superstar	B. achievement	C. performance	D. composer
10.A. biography	B. enthusiast	C. entertainment	D. phenomenon
14. A. perform	B. number	C. rhythm	D. music
15. A. classical	B. popular	C. digital	D. electric

Exercise 3: Complete the sentence with the appropriate word(s) from the box.

musicians	anthem	rock 'n' roll	emotions	band
delighted	solemn	composed	lyrical	integral

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1. Tien Quan Ca is the national _____of Viet Nam.
2. These songs were _____by Schubert.
3. _____is a type of music that was popular in the 1950s.
4. There are some intensely _____passage in his first symphony.
5. Music is often played in weddings, funerals, and _____occasions.
6. John Lennon is one of my favorite
7. Home visits by staff are an _____part of the service.
8. 1 was _____to see my old friends again.
9. Love, joy, hate, fear, and jealousy are all_____
10. Robbie William was in a _____called *Take That* before he became a solo artist.

Exercise 4: Fill in each blank in the passage with the correct word/phrase from the box.

folk songs	***musical theatre***	***folk style***	***genres***	***characters***
music band	***peasants***	***techniques***	***costumes***	***royal court***

Vietnamese traditional Theatre

Despite being strongly influenced by Chinese opera and other art forms, Vietnamese theatre with three special (1) _____- Tuong singing, Cheo singing and Cai Luong singing has been modified to be suitable for Vietnamese people.

Tuong singing is a form of art imported from China around the 13th century. Tuong singing (also known as Boi singing) was originally used as entertainment for the (2_____and was later performed by travelling troupes for commoners and (3) _____. One typical feature of Tuong singing is the use of well-known stock characters who wear elaborate make-up and (4) _____ to present the (5) _____ that they are performing.

Cheo singing is a satirical (6) _____ dating back to 12th century under the Ly Dynasty. Traditionally, Vietnamese peasants in northern Vietnam usually danced when singing folk songs and others (7) _____ plays fiddles, flute and drum.

Cai Luong (Renovated Opera) appeared in the southern part of Vietnam in the 1920s and flourished as an entertaining theatre of the middle class under the French colonial period. The special imprints of this (8) _____ on audience are the harmonious combination of southern Vietnamese (9) _____, classical music, Tuong singing and modern drama as well as the use of extensive vibrato (10) _____.

Exercise 5. Circle the correct word.

The future of leisure

There is no doubt technology and shorter working hours have **(1) got/ let/ set** people free to enjoy their leisure time more than ever before. Many people **(2) do/ have/ make** the leisure to pursue hobbies and other activities they **(3) like/ prefer/ want** to the work routine. What leisure activities will people **(4) choose/ decide/ opt** for in the future?

We can expect to see increased personal **(5) choice/ decision/ option**. The range of leisure **(6) actions/ hobbies/ pursuits** will expand and people will have the **(7) decision/ option/ preference** of following up an interest in almost any activity. Whether at home

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or at **(8) enjoyment/ leisure/ relaxation** centers, there will be an ever-increasing need to provide for people at **(9) play/ recreation/ rest**. If the future is not one of increased leisure, then it won't be for **(10) need/ desire/ want** of demand.

Exercise 7. **Choose the best options to complete the sentences.**

1. They are producing more and more *real TV shows/ reality TV shows/ actuality TV shows* in the USA and they will soon spread to all parts of the world.
2. Ho Chi Minh has been considered one of the *culture figures/ cultural figures/ cultural images* of the world.
3. The boy showed his talent for playing the piano at the age of five, so he was considered an *infant prodigy/ infant artist/ infant talent.*
4. The first episode of the film is going to be *aired/ announced/ transmitted* next Sunday.
5. Many folk songs which *resulted/ proceeded/ originated* in rural areas are still favored nowadays.
6. Nicholas Sparks is a *notorious/ renowned/ remarked* author. People love and respect him for his novels and personalities.
7. Four artists have been *offered/ decided/ nominated for* the prize, but only one can win it.
8. His song quickly became a *phenomenon/ phenomenal/ situation* among Vietnamese young people.
9. Trinh Cong Son is a *prominent/ famous* composer in Vietnam. Many Vietnamese people can sing his songs.
10. The young singer has *sung/ conquered/ achieved* several singing competitions, but she still desires to compete in The Voice of Vietnam this year.

Exercise 8: Complete the passage with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Shakira – A Star In Two Worlds	
Shakira, who was born in Columbia, is one of the best pop stars to come from Latin America. She had an (1) _____ childhood. Her mother was Columbian and her father was Lebanese, so she listened to a lot of different styles of music. As a result, her own music is very (2) _____. Shakira is also (3) _____ because she records songs both in Spanish and English. Her first album Magia was released in 1991. It wasn't as (4) _____ as she hoped, so she changed careers for a while and took a part in Columbia's biggest TV soap opera. This made her (5) _____ and sales of her second album were much better. The album sold millions of copies in Latin America, Spain, and the USA. Since then, Shakira has become an international star.	1. INTEREST 2. ORIGIN 3. USUAL 4. SUCCESS 5. FAME

Exercise 9: Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Trinh Cong Son, a renowned Vietnamese _____ (COMPOSE), died at the age of 62, leaving a legacy of hundreds of love songs and songs of other genres.

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2. Adam Levine, the lead singer of the band Maroon 5, has been very _____ (SUCCESS) with his several chart-topping hits and gold and platinum albums.

3. I really enjoy watching Simon Cowell making comments as a judge on Britain's Got Talent and the X factor. He is one the most _____ (POWER) figures in British culture.

4. Jim cannot ever imagine living without music in his life. For him, music is not only an _____
(INSPIRE) but also a therapy.

5. Happy by Pharrell Williams has always been my favourite and given me good _____ (HOPEFUL) and energy.

6. Greta Gerwig became the fifth woman filmmaker to be _____ (NOMINATE) for Best Director for Lady Bird at the 90th Academy Awards.

7. 'Tinh Ca' by Pham Duy is noted for its beautiful lyrics and melody that show the author's deep
_____ (PATRIOT) love for the country.

8. My grandmother had always wanted to watch Khanh Ly _____ (PERFORMANCE) live once, but she could never afford to.

9. Wolfgang Mozart, a gifted Austrian composer and pianist, has been considered one of the most
_____ (INFLUENCE) figures in shaping classical music with his many masterpieces of operas, concertos, symphonies and sonatas.

10. Crowds of young fans turned out onto the street to welcome the Korean _____ (SING). They were crazy about him as a phenomenon in modern music.

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