Unit 1. LIFE STORIES

PART 1: VOCABULARY AND PHONETICS

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

1. A. accident	B. jazz	C. stamps	D. watch
2. A. this	B. thick	C. maths	D. thin
3. A gas	B. gain	C. germ	D. goods
4. A. bought	B. nought	C. plough	D. thought
5. A. spear	B. gear	C. fear	D. pear

II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. remember	B. influence	C. expression	D. convenient
2. A. medium	B. computer	C. formation	D. connection
3. A. national	B. cultural	C. popular	D. musician
4. A. successful	B. humorous	C. arrangement	D. attractive
5. A. construction	B. typical	C. glorious	D. purposeful

III. Choose the correct words in the box to complete the sentences.

widely	*related*	*master*	*inequality*
movement	*accomplished*	*pioneer*	*increasingly*

1. Hughes is one of the most …… writers in American 20 literary history?

2. Albert Einstein was essentially all ……to science meanwhile Leonardo Da Vinci was a ……at art, architecture, invention, and several other areas.

3. Han Mac Tu was part of the new poetic ……in Vietnam at the beginning of the 20th century.

4. Han Mac Tu is considered a ……of romantic poetry in Vietnam.

5. During his time at University, Nelson Mandela became ……aware of the racial ……and injustice faced by non-white people.

6. Steve Jobs is ……recognized as a pioneer in the field of microcomputer revolution.

IV. Give the correct form of the words in the following sentences.

1. He was the most ……football player that our school had produced in years His talent for football was great. TALENT

2. Do you know Professor Phan Huy Le whose great ……was his books on the history of Vietnam in the 19th century? ACHIEVE

3. He wishes to straighten up and lead a ……life. RESPECT

4. His career as a journalist was full of ……achievements. He was a respected and admired

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journalist. DISTINGUISH

5. To be successful takes hard work and ……DEDICATE

6. Doing things with ……will give us true happiness. The more we give away, the happier we are. GENEROUS

7. Tran Hung Dao was a great ……to lure the enemy to enter deeply into his land, then attacked to destroy them. STRATEGY

8. Mother Teresa was a living saint who offered a great example and ……to the world. INSPIRE

9. Zuckerberg was forced to shut his website down, but its immense ……and controversy had made him consider its future potential. POPULAR

10. As the principal founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates is one of the most ……and richest people on the planet. INFLUENCE

11. If Presley was considered a ……and a rebellious figure, it just made him more popular with young listeners. CONTROVERSY

12. Stephen William Hawking got more ……for his research and discoveries through his print and TV interviews. RECOGNINZE

V. Indicate the correct answer to complete each of the following questions.

1. At his first school, Mark Zuckerberg ____ in all subjects and worked hard throughout his classes.

A. interested B. excelled C. engrossed D. involved

2. His incredible performance during high school ____ him admission to Harvard University.

A. earned B. attained C. resorted D. applied

3. Mother Teresa suffered various health problems, but nothing could ____ her from fulfilling her mission of serving the poor and needy.

A. persuade B. warn C. appoint D. dissuade

4. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the ____ to overcome poverty and distress.

A. battle B. struggle C. movement D. proposal

5. At the age of 18, Mother Teresa was ____ permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland.

A. required B. sought C. obtained D. given

6. Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his work in helping to end racial ____ in South Africa

A. integration B. segregation C. achievement D. exploitation

7. Princess Diana fought for her children on any level so they could reach their full ____ as human beings and in their public duties.

A. requirement B. condition C. capacity D. potential

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8. Meeting my favorite celebrity at the airport was certainly a ____ of luck that wouldn't have happened if I'd arrived five minutes later.

A. number B. piece C. stroke D. name

9. Steve Jobs might hardly imagine that only a year later the company ____ impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful ____ personal computer.

A. attain / massly-produced B. see / mass-produced

C. taste / massive produced D. achieve / mass-producing

10. Ms. May, 59 years old, is the country's longest-serving home secretary in half a century, with a ____ for seriousness, hard work and above all, determination.

A. fame B. reputation C. achievement D. maintenance

11. Theresa May is one of a growing number of women in traditionally ____ British politics rising to the upper position of leadership.

A. male-dominated B. man-domination C. male-dominating D. man-dominatedly

12. Marilyn Monroe is widely ____ as one of most influential figures in American culture.

A. classified B. depicted C. admired D. regarded

13. May's sports hero was Geoffrey Boycott, a solid, stubborn cricketer who ____ in playing the long game.

A. qualified B. specialized C. engrossed D. indulged

14. Like many other Britain's prime ministers, May ____ a place at Oxford.

A. admitted B. permitted C. won D. constituted

15. She has been quite critical ____ the media focusing on her fashion instead of her achievement as a politician.

A. with B. for C. of D. in

16. Marilyn Monroe was ____ for Golden Globe Best Actress Award for Bus Stop (1956).

A. offered B. nominated C. awarded D. rewarded

17. Marilyn Monroe ____ to a heavy drug use, which had a damaging impact ____ both her mental and physical health.

A. resorted - on B. abused - in C. overexploited - to D. related - for

18. Their family were wealthy but they encouraged their children to work hard and take nothing ____.

A. for sure B. for good C. for granted D. for charge

19. When Bill Gates saw an opportunity to found his own company, he dropped ____ Harvard without finishing his course.

A. into B. by C. around D. out of

20. Despite the pervasive press intrusions into her private life, Princess Diana remained very popular because

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people could identify ____ her.

A. in B. for C. with D. as

21. Elvis was ____ shy and as a youngster was not keen on performing in public.

A. relatively B. respectively C. virtually D. almost

22. As a teenager, he was uninterested in school - but became ____ in music, listening to a huge ____ of contemporary American music.

A. bored - amount B. reluctant - diversity C. reckless - type D. absorbed - range

23. Elvis Presley was ____ for the idea that rock 'n' roll music was having a negative effect on American teenagers.

A. accused B. convicted C. criticized D. charged

24. If Presley was considered a controversial and a rebellious ____, it just made him more popular with young listeners.

A. creator B. figure C. character D. celebration

25. Darwin was ____ a place on the HMS Beagle to act as a natural scientist on a voyage to the coast of South America.

A. won B. gained C. offered D. admitted

26. Influenced by the work of Malthus, Darwin came ____ a theory of natural selection and gradual evolution over time.

A. off B. into C. out D. up with

27. In the struggle for survival, the fittest win out at the ____ of their rivals because they succeed in adapting themselves best ____ their environment

A. expense - to B. cost - for C. expenditure - of D. stake - to

28. Van Gogh played a ____ role in the development of modern art.

A. worthless B. valueless C. key D. minor

29. Van Gogh was ____ to a lunatic asylum where he would spend time on and off until his death in 1890.

A. related B. referred C. adapted D. committed

30. Oprah Winfrey has played a key role in modern American life, shaping cultural ____ and promoting various liberal causes.

A. values B. trends C. potentials D. prosperity

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