

PRACTICE TEST No. 15

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. honesty B. enhance C. helicopter D. husband
2. A. considerable B. represent C. atmosphere D. customer

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. empathise B. depressed C. assure D. encourage
4. A. housekeeping B. cognitive C. embarrassed D. favourable

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. Our astronauts chosen for fly (A) spacecrafts (B) were (C) selected from military test pilots (D).
6. These exercises (A) look easy (B), but they are very quietly (C) difficult for (D) us.
7. Dislike (A) the old one, this new photocopier can perform (B) its functions in (C) half the time (D).

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. Ann: "What do you know about the new chairperson?"

Jessica: "My assistant, _____ worked for him for years, says he's a wonderful man."

- A. that B. the girl C. who D. the one

9. Why did Berth ask you _____ a bicycle?

- A. that if you had B. do you have C. that you had D. if you had

10. Nobody knows how he is now. He _____ alone a month ago, and _____ of since then.

- A. set off/ hasn't been heard C. set up/ hasn't heard
B. set on/ hasn't been heard D. set down/ hasn't been heard

11. Jack has a good chance of _____ since everyone appreciates his ways of thinking and practical plans.

- A. election C. electing
B. having been elected D. being elected

12. The children seem to be totally _____ of working quietly by themselves.

- A. unable B. disabled C. incapable D. able

13. They seemed to be extremely _____ to the plight of the Libyan refugees when they sent these ones a lot of humanitarian aids.

- A. sympathetically B. sympathetic C. sympathy D. sympathized

14. My father _____ an interest in collecting stamps. He had a valuable stamp collection.

- A. got on B. kept in C. went over D. took up

15. If we _____ earlier in the morning, we _____ at the village now.

- A. departed/ would have arrived C. departed/ would arrived
B. had departed/ would arrive D. had departed/ would have arrived

16. Be sure to _____ a real effort to answer all the questions the interview asks.

- A. take B. do C. make D. put

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.

17. Jack: "Would you like to have dinner with me?"

Jill: " _____ ."

- A. Yes, I'd love to C. I'm very happy
B. Yes, so do I D. Yes, it is

18. Kay: "I wouldn't do that if I were you."

John: " _____ ."

- A. Wouldn't you? Why? C. I'd rather you didn't
B. Would you, really? D. It's out of the question.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. We can use either verbal or nonverbal forms of communication.

- A. using gesture
B. using speech
C. using verbs
D. using facial expressions

20. Because their birthdays occurred in the same month, they shared a birthday party.

- A. celebrated
B. spared
C. merited
D. experienced together

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. The villagers had to work very hard on the fields all day, but there was not enough food for them.

- A. deficient
B. few
C. small
D. tiny

22. Although Mary was eager to play in the snow, Jack was reluctant because he was so cold.

- A. ready
B. excited
C. willing
D. careful

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Nowadays people are more aware that wildlife all over the world is in (23)____. Many species of animals are threatened, and could easily become (24)_____ if we do not make an effort to protect them. There are many reasons for this. In some cases, animals are hunted for their fur or for other valuable parts of their bodies. Some birds, such as parrots, are caught (25)_____ and sold as pets. For many animals and birds, the problem is that their habitats - the place where they live - is disappearing. More land is used for farms, houses or industry, and there are fewer open spaces than there once were. Farmers use powerful chemicals to help them grow better crops, but these chemicals pollute the environment and (26)_____ wildlife. The most successful animals on earth - human beings, will soon be the only ones (27)_____, unless we can solve this problem.

23. A. threat
24. A. disappeared
25. A. for life
26. A. spoil
27. A. left
B. problem
B. vanished
B. alive
B. wound
B. over
C. danger
C. extinct
C. lively
C. wrong
C. staying
D. vanishing
D. empty
D. for living
D. harm
D. survived

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Increasing numbers of parents in the U.S. are choosing to teach their children at home. In fact, the U.S. Department of Education has estimated that in 1999, about 850,000 children were being homeschooled. Some educational experts say that the real number is double this estimate, and the ranks of homeschooled children seem to be growing at the average rate of about eleven percent every year.

At one time, there was a theory accounting for homeschooling: it was traditionally used for students who could not attend school because of behavioral or learning difficulties. Today, however, more parents are taking on the responsibility of educating their own children at home due to their dissatisfaction with the educational system. Many parents are unhappy about class size, as well as problems inside the classroom. Teacher shortages and lack of funding mean that, in many schools, one teacher is responsible for thirty or forty students. The children are, therefore, deprived of the attention they need. Escalating classroom violence has also motivated some parents to remove their children from school.

Although there have been a lot of arguments for and against it, homeschooling in the U.S. has become a multi-million dollar industry, and it is growing bigger and bigger. There are now plenty of websites, support groups, and conventions that help parents protect their rights and enable them to learn more about educating their children. Though once it was the only choice for troubled children, homeschooling today is an accepted alternative to an educational system that many believe is failing.

28. The number of parents who want to teach their own children in the U.S. is ____.

- A. said to be unstable
B. remaining the same
C. going up
D. going down

29. The past participle "homeschooled" in the first paragraph is best equivalent to "___at home".

A taught

B self-learned

C untaught

D self-directed

30. This estimated number was presented by ____.

A a government office

B school teachers

C the parents

D homeschooled children

31. More parents teach their children because they completely ____ the current educational system.

A please with

B object to

C appeal to

D approve of

32. The attitude of the author towards homeschooling can be best described as ____.

A acceptable

B favorable

C remarkable

D indifferent

PRACTICE TEST No. 16

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. occasion B. immersion C. confusion D. explosion
2. A. plaid B. plain C. claim D. railway

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. conflict B. event C. fortress D. structure
4. A. cooperative B. administrative C. insignificant D. alternatively

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. My father used to give (A) me a good advice (B) whenever (C) I had a problem (D).
6. Today is such beautiful (A) day that I don't (B) want to do (C) any chores (D).
7. Caroline refused taking (A) the job given (B) to her because (C) the salary was (D) not good.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. She used to learn how to play the piano, but she doesn't have much _____ talent.
A. music B. musical C. musician D. musically
9. The company tried to _____ the public that they were not polluting the river.
A. convince B. impress C. examine D. urge
10. The damage to their house resulted _____ the fire.
A. from B. in C. under D. with
11. I'll do the shopping when _____ the flat.
A. I finish cleaning B. I finish to clean C. I'll finish cleaning D. I'll stop to clean
12. I don't enjoy my job any more. I'm fed up _____ it.
A. about B. with C. of D. from
13. My uncle is an actor. He _____ in several films.
A. has appeared C. was appearing
B. has been appearing D. had appeared
14. However fast he walked, we managed to _____ with him.
A. catch on B. keep up C. carry on D. hold up
15. They think their child gets a good _____ at his school.
A. educate B. educative C. education D. educator
16. "So you are a writer? How many books _____?"
A. have you written C. did you write
B. have you been writing D. were you writing

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.

17. Jack: "I don't think we should go to bed late." - Jill: " _____ ".
A. Neither do I B. So do I C. I don't, either D. I think so, too
18. Kay: "Do you mind if I use your phones?" - John: " _____ "
A. Not at all. Help yourself. C. Sorry, I have no idea.
B. You can say that again. D. Certainly, it's true.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. The new girl in our class is reasonably good at English.
A. fairly B. truly C. fluently D. slightly
20. He decided to learn English properly after a holiday in England.
A. easily B. hardly C. appropriately D. frequently

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. On November 25th, 1972, something dreadful happened on board of the brigantine Mary Celester, causing all crew members to hastily abandon the ship.

- A. hold on B. stay on C. take care of D. save for
 22. For most male spiders courship is a **perilous** procedure, for they may be eaten by females.
 A. complicated B. dangerous C. safe D. peculiar

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Japanese casual retailer Uniqlo announced plans to launch its first store in Ho Chi Minh City in the fall of 2019. The company is soon to begin (23)_____employees for the new shop.

"Our entry into Vietnam is an exciting milestone for everyone at UNIQLO. The Southeast Asia region has been an important driver of growth for us, and we are pleased and optimistic about our opportunity to be a part of such an exciting economy and retail market," said Tadashi Yanai, Chairman, President and CEO of Fast Retailing Co., Uniqlo's parent company, in a statement.

(26)_____the company does intend to expand to other cities in Vietnam in the future, it noted in the statement that it wants to focus on establishing its presence in Ho Chi Minh first.

Vietnam is not the only country to enter Uniqlo's portfolio next year. 2019 will also mark the brand's debut in India and Denmark as well. This year, Uniqlo opened its first stores in Sweden and the Netherlands, (27)_____to expanding the number of stores in Canada. Founded in 1984 in Hiroshima, Uniqlo currently operates more than 1300 stores in 15 countries.

23. A. recruiting B. applying C. giving D. taking
 24. A. illustration B. entry C. appearance D. demonstration
 25. A. about B. of C. for D. in
 26. A. Meanwhile B. When C. Because D. While
 27. A. according B. in addition C. in acquaintance D. in order

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

There are a number of natural disasters that can strike across the globe. Two that are frequently linked to one another are earthquakes and tsunamis. Both of them can cause a great amount of devastation when they hit. However, tsunamis are the direct result of earthquakes and cannot happen without them.

The Earth has three main parts. They are the crust, the mantle, and the core. The crust is the outer layer of the Earth. It is not a single piece of land. Instead, it is comprised of a number of plates. There are a few enormous plates and many smaller ones. These plates essentially rest upon the mantle, which is fluid. As a result, the plates are in constant - yet slow - motion. The plates may move away from or toward other plates. In some cases, they collide violently with the plates adjoining them. The movement of the plates causes tension in the rock. Over a long time, this tension may build up. When it is released, an earthquake happens.

Tens of thousands of earthquakes happen every year. The vast majority are so small that only scientific instruments can **perceive** them. Others are powerful enough that people can feel them, yet they cause little harm or damage. More powerful earthquakes, however, can cause buildings, bridges, and other structures to collapse. They may additionally injure and kill thousands of people and might even cause the land to change its appearance.

Since most of the Earth's surface is water, numerous earthquakes happen beneath the planet's oceans. Underwater earthquakes can cause the seafloor to move. This results in the displacement of water in the ocean. When this occurs, a tsunami may form. This is a wave that forms on the surface and moves in all directions from the place where the earthquake happened. A tsunami moves extremely quickly and can travel thousands of kilometres. As it approaches land, the water near the coast gets sucked out to sea. This causes the tsunami to increase in height. Minutes later, the tsunami arrives. A large tsunami - one more than ten meters in height- can travel far inland. As it does that, it can flood the land, destroy human settlements, and kill large numbers of people.

28. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. How earthquakes and tsunami occur
 B. What kind of damage natural disasters can cause
 C. Why tsunamis are deadlier than earthquakes
 D. When earthquakes are the most likely to happen

29. Which of the following statements does paragraph 1 support?

- A. The most severe type of nature disaster is an earthquake.
- B. Earthquakes cause more destruction than tsunamis.
- C. A tsunami happens in tandem with an earthquake.
- D. Earthquakes frequently take place after tsunamis.

30. Which of the following is true regarding the crust?

- A. It is the smallest of the Earth's three layers
- B. The mantle beneath it keeps it from moving too much
- C. It is thicker on land than it is under the water crust
- D. There are many separate pieces that make it up

31. The word "perceive" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. Comprehend
- B. Detect
- C. Locate
- D. Prevent

32. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 3 about earthquakes?

- A. How often powerful ones take place
- B. How severe the majority of them are
- C. What kind of damage they can cause
- D. How many people they typically kill