

## UNIT 9 – PRACTICE 1

*Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.*

1. a. desert      b. crest      c. stretch      d. species
2. a. expedition      b. excitement      c. exploration      d. expectation
3. a. reach      b. steep      c. season      d. oean
4. a. crest      b. camel      c. centre      d. cactus
5. a. growth      b. route      c. loose      d. through

*Choose the one word or phrase - a, b, c or d - that best completes the sentences.*

6. The Simpson Desert was named \_\_\_\_\_. A. A. Simpson, President of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia in 1929.  
a. of      b. to      c. as      d. after
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the north of Nullabor Plain stretches Great Victoria Desert.  
a. In      b. To      c. From      d. On
8. The land loses its protective cover of vegetation and soon turns \_\_\_\_\_ desert.  
a. in      b. to      c. into      d. down
9. The desert \_\_\_\_\_ for endless miles on all sides of us.  
a. developed      b. reached      c. comprised      d. stretched
10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a low hill of sand formed by wind, in a desert.  
a. crest      b. dune      c. slope      d. hummock
11. His next major \_\_\_\_\_ was across the desert to Nubia, mainly by camel.  
a. expedition      b. travel      c. voyage      d. excursion
12. One well-known desert plant is the \_\_\_\_\_, which has thick stems covered in spines but without leaves.  
a. spinifex      b. eucalyptus      c. cactus      d. date palm
13. Many people think of deserts as \_\_\_\_\_ region, but many species of plants and animals have adapted to life there.  
a. empty      b. barren      c. balmy      d. plain
14. A desert island is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ place.  
a. unpopular      b. uninhabited      c. deserted      d. barren
15. He had led an \_\_\_\_\_ expedition of the western Sonoran Desert.  
a. explore      b. exploring      c. exploration      d. exploratory
16. \_\_\_\_\_ extreme bad weather in the mountains, we're no longer considering our skiing trip.

- a. Due to                      b. Because                      c. Since                      d. Despite

17. Because of the snowstorm only five students came to class. The teacher; \_\_\_\_\_, canceled the class.

- a. however                      b. moreover                      c. therefore                      d. since

18. You cannot see the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ you have made an appointment with him.

- a. even so                      b. unless                      c. however                      d. without

19. The new system is better \_\_\_\_\_ it provides faster access to the Internet,

- a. whereas                      b. because                      c. though                      d. consequently

20. The man had a motive for the murder. \_\_\_\_\_, he was seen in the area at the time.

- a. Moreover                      b. Consequently                      c. However                      d. Nevertheless

21. A tree had fallen across the road, \_\_\_\_\_ they had to turn round and go back.

- a. but                      b. and                      c. so                      d. then

22. She worked hard \_\_\_\_\_ everything would be ready in time.

- a. since                      b. as if                      c. unless                      d. so that

23. You can try your best to impress the interviewer \_\_\_\_\_ in the end it's often just a question of luck.

- a. so                      b. but                      c. however                      d. then

24. There was a bomb scare in the resort, and \_\_\_\_\_ tourists stayed away.

- a. however                      b. while                      c. consequently                      d. though

25. Plants that grow in high desert areas must live in extreme daytime heat. \_\_\_\_\_, they must be able to tolerate severe nighttime cold.

- a. However                      b. Likewise                      c. Therefore                      d. But

26. Everyone thought Emma should accept the offer. \_\_\_\_\_, she turned it down.

- a. Moreover                      b. Nevertheless                      c. Therefore                      d. Consequently

27. Joe seemed to be in a good mood, ' he snapped at me angrily when I asked him to join us.

- a. for                      b. so                      c. yet                      d. and

28. I no longer have the support of the committee. I have, \_\_\_\_\_, decided to resign.

- a. moreover                      b. however                      c. nevertheless                      d. therefore

29. Sarah often works late. She works on Saturdays sometime, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. as well                      b. in addition                      c. but also                      d. though

30. I've been running about 200 kilometers a week \_\_\_\_\_ prepare for the marathon.

- a. whereas                      b. while                      c. despite                      d. in order to