

Unit 9. CHOOSING A CAREER

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. <u>tedi</u> ous | B. <u>se</u> cure | C. <u>tem</u> porary | D. <u>re</u> warding |
| 2. A. <u>enthu</u> sia ^s tic | B. <u>smoo</u> th | C. <u>souther</u> n | D. <u>trustwor</u> thy |
| 3. A. <u>terti</u> ary | B. <u>trust</u> worthy | C. <u>tempt</u> ing | D. <u>short</u> list |
| 4. A. <u>pension</u> | B. <u>commis</u> sion | C. <u>passi</u> on | D. <u>decisi</u> on |
| 5. A. <u>short</u> list | B. <u>tempo</u> rary | C. <u>affor</u> d | D. <u>accord</u> ingly |

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 6. A. <u>reward</u> ing | B. <u>fascinat</u> ing | C. <u>tedi</u> ous | D. <u>challeng</u> ing |
| 7. A. <u>prospect</u> | B. <u>refer</u> ence | C. <u>promot</u> ed | D. <u>interview</u> |
| 8. A. <u>unemployment</u> | B. <u>econom</u> ics | C. <u>manufact</u> ure | D. <u>responsi</u> ble |
| 9. A. <u>work</u> force | B. <u>high</u> -flyer | C. <u>handsh</u> ake | D. <u>head</u> hunt |
| 10. A. <u>commu</u> ter | B. <u>commit</u> ment | C. <u>employ</u> ee | D. <u>attendant</u> |

Part II. VOCABULARY

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

11. I was only absent ____ the office for a few minutes!
A. for B. from C. in D. about
12. She became a full-time member of ____ last year.
A. employees B. employers C. workers D. staff
13. The ____ for this position starts at thirty thousand euros per year.
A. wage B. payment C. salary D. tip
14. Shelley disagreed with the board's decision so she ____ and went to work for another company.
A. retired B. fired C. sacked D. resigned
15. Being a flight attendant is a ____ job. You may have to work long hours on long haul flights and not get enough sleep.
A. tedious B. demanding C. rewarding D. fascinating
16. I think that doing medical research would be really ____ because this job would save people's lives.
A. challenging B. tiresome C. rewarding D. monotonous
17. I am writing in ____ to your advertisement on *Vietnamework.com* for the post of a personal assistant.
A. connection B. association C. relation D. response
18. Some people ____ to London every day from as far away as Leeds.
A. connect B. commute C. commence D. correspond
19. When the factory closed, over a hundred people were ____ redundant.
A. made B. given C. taken D. done
20. Most governments tax people on the amount of money they ____ each year.

A. win B. gain C. earn D. benefit

21. After working at the same company for thirty years, my grandfather was looking forward to his ____.

A. overtime B. pension C. charity D. allowance

22. Who is responsible ____ dealing with complaints?

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

23. Success in this industry depends a lot ____ luck!

A. with B. from C. at D. on

24. Don't you think you should apply for the job ____ writing?

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

25. The ____ I'm a member of is calling for a nationwide strike next week.

A. union B. charity C. organization D. company

26. Have you had any news about that ____ you applied for yet?

A. work B. job C. career D. vacancy

27. In some professions, you have to ____ when you're 60 or 65 years old.

A. resign B. terminate C. retire D. dismiss

28. We began ____ looking round for advertising agencies which have experience of our market.

A. to B. with C. by D. at

29. The covering letter wasn't attached ____ the CV.

A. to B. with C. from D. by

30. Certificates provide proofs of your ____.

A. qualifications B. qualities C. diplomas D. ambitions

31. I'd like to speak to the person in ____ please.

A. duty B. responsibility C. obligation D. charge

32. When you ____ the interview, remember to bring some sample of your work.

A. apply B. join C. attend D. make

33. I would be grateful for an opportunity to visit your company and discuss my application with you ____.

A. in privacy B. individually C. privately D. in person

34. If my application is successful, I will be able to start work from 15th of August when I finish all my exams. I am ____ my CV with this letter.

A. sending B. attaching C. closing D. enclosing

35. Like many young people today, I'm thinking about taking a year ____ first, or as people often say, spending a year at "the university of life".

A. off B. away C. out D. at

36. Helen usually ____ her childhood with great pleasure.

A. talks back to B. thinks back on C. turns back to D. falls back on

37. The government is trying not to ____ the money they are spending on vocational training.

A. drop out of B. drop in on C. go on with D. cut down on

38. My grandparents often ____ us without warning.

- A. drop in on B. keep up with C. drop out of D. catch up with
39. Linda was about to take a part-time job, but she decided to ____ her studies instead.
- A. keep up with B. go on with C. get on with D. drop out of
40. Many students ____ school to set up their own businesses and become self-employed.
- A. move out of B. cut down on C. drop out of D. drop in on
41. I'm searching for websites offering career advice so that I can ____ a plan.
- A. come up against B. come up with C. draw up with D. come across with
42. I am ____ seeing you at a job interview.
- A. waiting for B. looking for C. looking forward to D. hoping to

Exercise 4. 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.

43. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a temporary job in the summer.
- A. part-time B. full-time C. permanent D. seasonal
44. John was promoted last month for being such a committed worker.
- A. dishonest B. irresponsible C. unenthusiastic D. unreliable
45. With so many breakthroughs in robotic science and technology, much manual work will soon be taken over by robots.
- A. intellectual work B. physical work C. monotonous work D. dull work
46. I'd go mad if I had to do a dead-end job like working on a supermarket checkout.
- A. boring B. monotonous C. fascinating D. demanding
47. He's just so flexible. He'll adapt to any situation.
- A. adaptable B. rigid C. intelligent D. autonomous