

Note: Each correct answer earns 0.2 points.

I. PRONUNCIATION (0.8 points)

A. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently.

1. A. lightning B. dinner C. Christmas D. visit
2. A. Italian B. Brazilian C. Australian D. Egyptian

B. Choose the word that has a different stressed syllable from the rest.

3. A. demon B. balloon C. special D. welcome
4. A. family B. festival C. introduce D. celebrate

II. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (2.4 points)

Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the following questions.

5. On the day of the Fire Dancing Festival, the Pà Thẻn ethnic group in Hà Giang set a big _____ on the yard and start the rituals.
A. bonfire B. firework C. flame D. light
6. The U.S. always celebrates the Fourth of July with an amazing _____ display in the sky.
A. bonfires B. fireworks C. fire D. lightning
7. During Tết holiday, Vietnamese people give each other best _____ for a lucky and successful Lunar New Year.
A. greetings B. sayings C. traditions D. wishes
8. Christmas time is coming around, so next Friday, each student in my class will bring a gift and then _____ it with another student.
A. give B. hand C. exchange D. send
9. During the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival in China, artists use different tools to carve the hard ice and snow, and visitors can see huge snow _____ of people, buildings and animals.
A. statues B. sculptures C. exhibitions D. paintings
10. Japan is _____ Spain. In Spain, people eat twelve grapes on New Year's Eve, while Japanese people eat *toshikoshi* soba noodles.
A. different from B. like C. similar D. same as
11. _____ in Chinese culture, red is a symbol of luck in most Vietnamese celebrations.
A. Similar B. Different C. Like D. Same
12. Easter's exact date varies because it depends on the moon. In 2022, Easter was on April 17th, and next time, in 2023, it _____ on April 9th.

A. was going to be B. is being C. was D. will be

13. During Hội An Lantern Festival, visitors can _____ in many interesting activities and watch various art performances, all of which are completely free of charge.

A. take part B. take place C. takes on D. takes off

14. Person A: Do you know that in Greece, people hang an onion on the front door of their house on New Year's Eve?

Person B: _____

A. I like onions.

B. That's interesting.

C. When is New Year's Eve?

D. I think so.

15. What does this sign mean?



A. Be careful because you must use wet paint on this item.

B. Be careful because the paint is still wet.

C. You can find only wet paint here.

D. Be careful when you use wet paint.

16. What does this sign mean?



A. Passengers have to open the window.

B. Passengers can't look at the window.

C. Passengers mustn't lean out of the window.

D. This window is not for passengers.

III. WORD FORMATION (1.2 points)

Write the correct form of the words in brackets.

17. The Thames Festival is an annual _____ of the River Thames in London with many exciting events and talks. **(CELEBRATE)**

18. Bon Om Touk is one of the most amazing _____ festivals in Cambodia. **(TRADITION)**

19. Last year, I participated in one of the Scottish dancing _____. I didn't win, but I enjoyed myself a lot. **(COMPETE)**

20. During the Chiang Mai Flower Festival, _____ of the parade often hand out flowers to the spectators along the street. **(PARTICIPATE)**
21. _____ for Diwali Festival begin several weeks before the first day of Diwali. People clean their houses, put up decorations and light the lanterns. **(PREPARE)**
22. Last year on May Day, we wore our _____ costumes and danced around the Maypole. **(COLOR)**

IV. LISTENING (2 points)

A. You will listen to a conversation. For each question, complete the notes with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS.

Sam, a TV reporter, interviewed the city's Mayor about next month's summer (23)____. During the interview, he asked about some of the planned (24)_____.

The Mayor said there would be lots of fun activities for the children like a (25)_____ balloon fight and a dunking booth. She also said there would be lots of activities for adults like a hot dog eating (26)_____ and a fashion show.

The Mayor was looking forward to a nice (27)_____ day in the sun.

B. You will listen to a conversation. For each question, circle the correct option A, B, C, or D.

28. What is the main topic of the conversation?

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| A. Christmas Eve | B. Christmas decorations |
| C. Christmas traditions | D. Christmas trees |

29. What is a tradition in America?

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| A. hang lights on a tree | B. play in the snow |
| C. take pictures | D. eat cold meat and seafood |

30. Which country eats cold meat and seafood?

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| A. Japan | B. Australia |
| C. Vietnam | D. America |

31. Why do children in Iceland place shoes in the window?

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| A. for good luck | B. for decoration |
| C. to receive presents | D. to keep them warm |

32. Which country throws confetti?

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| A. Iceland | B. America |
| C. Australia | D. Vietnam |

V. READING (2 points)

A. Read the following passage. For each question, circle the correct option A, B, C, or D that best suits each blank.

Last spring, I visited my cousin living in Ho Chi Minh City. She suggested the best time to visit the city was during the Tet (33)_____. I had such a great time, so I want to share my personal (34)_____ and what I learned about the Vietnam Lunar New Year.

First, Tet is a (35)_____ of the start of spring. The city is full of flower vendors, and all the trees are in bloom. Second, it's about paying respect to your ancestors. I saw many people burning incense and families putting out food and fruit for their loved ones who have passed away. Finally, Tet (36)_____ about spending time with your family. I was surprised at how empty the city was. My cousin told me it's a (37)_____ for families to return to their hometown to celebrate the New Year.

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| 33. A. tradition | B. festival | C. celebrate | D. experience |
| 34. A. experience | B. competition | C. performance | D. interest |
| 35. A. festival | B. experience | C. tradition | D. celebration |
| 36. A. won't be | B. is | C. will be | D. can be |
| 37. A. competition | B. experience | C. tradition | D. holiday |

B. Read the following passage. For each question, write T if the statement is TRUE, F if it is FALSE, and NI if there is NO INFORMATION.

The largest festival in the world is Brazil's Carnival which is considered by many to be "the greatest show on Earth." More than 5 million people travel to Brazil in February or March to attend this religious celebration that begins 40 days before Easter. The festival is full of live music and people dancing in the streets. More than 70+ samba schools compete every year for cash and prizes. Dancers from these schools wear colorful and creative costumes. They form a long line of people in the street called a parade that starts in the city center and stops at the ocean. The festival takes place before the Catholic season of Lent and celebrates the last day before Brazilians must give up the things they love for 40 days. The festival ends with a beautiful fire show on the beach when the sun goes down.

38. The Carnival is a large festival in Brazil. _____
39. You can find lots of great food at the festival. _____
40. Dancers from local samba schools wear costumes and compete for cash and prizes. _____
41. The festival takes place after the Catholic season of Lent. _____
42. The festival begins with a beautiful fire show on the beach. _____

VI. WRITING (1.6 points)

A. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make a complete sentence.

43. in Canada / turkey / people / On Thanksgiving, / like / people / have / in the U.S.

→ _____

44. Canadians celebrate / Thanksgiving / the second Monday / ; that's / American people / on /
from / in / different / October, / .

→ _____

B. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning. Use the given word(s) if any.

45. Both Vietnamese and Chinese people give children lucky money on Lunar New Year.

→ Like _____.

46. People will hold Mid-Autumn Festival on September 10th, 2022. **(TAKE)**

→ Mid-Autumn Festival _____.

C. Use the given words or phrases to make complete sentences.

47. Vesak / be / most popular / Buddhist festival / Vietnam.

→ _____

48. It / celebrate / Buddha's birthday / and / be / 14th April / Lunar calendar.

→ _____

49. People / decorate / pagodas / lanterns / lotus flowers.

→ _____

50. People / also / have / vegetarian meals / visit / pagodas.

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