

UNIT 2

PRACTICE TEST

A. LISTENING

Listen to three people talking about life in the countryside. Fill in the blank.

Speaker 1: - The people (1) _____ neighbours to their homes.

Speaker 2: - It's (2) _____ here because there aren't many places for entertainment like theatres, cinemas, etc.

Speaker 2: - Transportation is another big problem. There are few means of (3) _____ transport.

Speaker 3: - We can go swimming, (4) _____, fly kites and do other interesting things.

B. PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the other words.

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| 5. A. beeh <u>i</u> ve | B. env <u>i</u> ous | C. k <u>i</u> te | D. hor <u>i</u> zon |
| 6. A. cele <u>b</u> rity | B. pict <u>u</u> resque | C. hosp <u>i</u> table | D. cult <u>i</u> vate |
| 7. A. techn <u>i</u> cal | B. compet <u>i</u> tor | C. t <u>i</u> mber | D. facil <u>i</u> ty |

II. Choose the word which is stressed differently from the others.

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| 8. A. dweller | B. area | C. transport | D. lighthouse |
| 9. A. urbanization | B. countryside | C. grassland | D. household |
| 10. A. associate | B. combine | C. picturesque | D. experience |

C. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences

11. Farmers work in _____ fields.
 A. paddy B. food C. fresh D. garden
12. Harvesting the rice is much _____ than drying the rice.
 A. more harder B. more hard C. hardlier D. harder
13. There is a huge cloud _____ as far as the eye can see.
 A. surrounded B. stretching C. vast D. spread
14. If the weather gets _____ tomorrow, we will have a picnic with my grandparents.
 A. worse B. more bad C. gooder D. better
15. The development of cities destroys _____ areas of countryside.
 A. vast B. much C. stretching D. many
16. In _____ time, farmers use buffalo-drawn cart to take food home.
 A. harvest B. collect C. relax D. countryside

17. Playing with the beehive _____ not safe.
 A. is B. are C. be D. am
18. The workers in our factory are very _____ because they took a lot of good training courses.
 A. hospitable B. kind C. well-trained D. friendly
19. On the side of the road, a herb boy was herding _____.
 A. kites B. fruit C. cattle D. vegetables.
20. The man _____ the vegetables in the field and then drives home.
 A. makes B. loads C. catches D. uploads

II. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

21. A horse can run faster than a buffalo.
 A. more slowly B. fruit C. more quickly D. vegetables.

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

22. The farmers started harvesting their crops earlier than expected.
 A. later B. sooner C. more early D. more quickly

IV. Complete the sentences with the comparative forms of the adverbs in brackets.

23. Living in this small town is (peaceful) _____ than I expected.
24. I think people in rural areas live (happy) _____ than those in urban areas.
25. I think people in the countryside are (friendly) _____ than city dwellers.
26. Life in the city seems to move (fast) _____ than that in the countryside.
27. . You're too loud. Can you speak a bit (quietly) _____.
28. Air pollution in our city is much (bad) _____ than it used to be.
29. The weather today is (warm) _____ than yesterday.
30. Traffic in the city is always (busy) _____ than that in the countryside.

V. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer that needs correction the following questions.

31. The (A) herb (B) of buffaloes were grazing on the field.
32. You should not (A) spend much (B) time play (C) computer games (D).
33. The combine harvester makes (A) the process of harvesting (B) the rice much more quickly (C) and easier (D) for the farmers.

VI. Provide the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

34. I look forward to (see) _____ Peter at the weekend.
35. After (work) _____ hard all day on the farm, we slept earlier than ever before.

36. The villagers (harvest) _____ rice with a combine harvester yesterday morning.
37. People here (live) _____ by catching fish from nearby lakes and ponds.

D. READING

Read the text about life in a village in Viet Nam and do the requests below.

I feel fortunate that I am living in a peaceful village in southern Viet Nam. The scenery here is beautiful and picturesque with vast fields stretching long distances. The houses are surrounded by green trees. There are lakes, ponds, and canals here and there. The air is fresh and cool. Life here seems to move more slowly than in cities. The people work very hard. They grow vegetables, cultivate rice, and raise cattle. At harvest time, they use combine harvesters to harvest their crops. Many families live by growing fruit trees in the orchards. Others live by fishing in lakes, ponds, and canals. Life in the village is very comfortable for children. They play traditional games. Sometimes they help their parents pick fruit and herd cattle.

A. Write T (True) or F (False) for each sentence.

38. The houses are surrounded by the buildings. _____
39. The air is fresh and cool here. _____
40. Life in cities seems to move faster than life here. _____
41. Life in the village is uncomfortable for children. _____

B. Answer the questions.

42. How is the scenery in southern Vietnam?

43. What do they use to harvest their crops at harvest time?

E. WRITING

I. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning.

44. People in the city seem to react more quickly to changes than those in the country.
⇒ People in the country seem _____
45. Bill picked the grapes the most quickly out of all the farmers.
⇒ Bill picked the grapes _____
46. This board game is more interesting than that video game.
⇒ That video game is _____
47. In the countryside, children play more freely than in the city.
⇒ In the city, children _____



II. Reorder the words to make correct sentences.

48. in / the / is / Life / more / countryside / peaceful / the / that / in / than / city.

49. and / Many visitors / the village / its historical / cultural values./ come / because of / to

50. They / their parents/ fruit / in/ helping/ pick / the orchard. / are
