

A. LANGUAGE FOCUS

Exercise 1: Circle the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others'.

1. A. unload B. cruuel C. puzzle D. muscle
2. A. detest B. resort C. prefer D. message

Exercise 2: Circle the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others'.

3. A. leisure B. diving C. origami D. movie
4. A. ancestor B. curious C. tradition D. heritage

Exercise 3: Fill each blank with the correct form of the words in brackets.

5. An is a Grade 8 student and he likes _____ (cook) in his free time. He wants to become a famous chef.
6. - What are you doing, Alice?
- I _____ (send) messages to my friends. We are chatting about a new film.
7. - What did you do last weekend?
- I _____ (go) to my chess club as usual.
8. My mother talked _____ (loudly) than my sister.
9. Anh is reading an article on morning exercise. He's always interested in _____ (keep) fit.
10. Tom reads _____ (fast) than his brother.
11. Mai detests _____ (surf) the net because she thinks it takes a lot of time.
12. Nick enjoys _____ (listen) to the melodies of Vietnamese folks songs.
13. My sister draws _____ (good) than I do.
14. You like taking photos or _____ (watch) TV?

Exercise 4: Choose the best option to complete each of the following sentences.

15. Leisure activities often bring _____ between study and relaxation.
A. balance B. leisure C. message D. expectation
16. Farmers often _____ rice or fruit in the fields around their houses.
A. feed B. hold C. catch D. cultivate
17. One of Anh's favourite activities in the countryside is herding the _____.
A. orchard B. cattle C. crop D. poultry
18. Tom is showing Minh how to _____ the paper to create a paper frog.
A. log B. fold C. upload D. connect
19. Linh is a fashion model and she often goes to the gym to stay in _____.
A. body B. healthy C. health D. shape
20. We took a _____ to reach the other side of the river.
A. bus B. car C. ferry D. plane

B. READING

Exercise 5: Read the following passage and decide each statement below is True (T) or False (F).

THE KHMER

The Khmer Krom literally, "Khmer from below" - live in southern Viet Nam, where they are the Mekong Delta's second biggest ethnic group, after the Kinh. In general, it is not typical to see Khmer people wearing traditional clothing in their daily life. Only ladies over the age of 50 still wear it to the temple and shave their hair as a sign of respect for the Buddha. I only went to one village where two or three locals are still making it. However, this silk clothing is a work of art, with designs very similar to Buddhist temple pictures. The Khmer used to create their own silk, but today they buy it from the Kinh. They still dye yarn with colourful powders; however, the powders are imported from Thailand rather than being made from forest plants. I met Neang Phong, an 83-year-old woman, on her porch a few years ago when she was creating a traditional outfit. When I returned, she recognised me, and I was able to photograph her in it.

Source: <https://www.rehahnphotographer.com/en/ethnic-minorities-in-vietnam/>

- 21. After the Kinh, The Khmer are the Mekong Delta's second largest ethnic group.
- 22. It is common to see Khmer people wearing traditional clothes on a regular basis.
- 23. Only woman over the age of 50 keep wearing traditional clothes to the temple and shave their heads as a sign of respect to the Buddha.
- 24. The Khmer still make their own silk rather than purchasing it from others.
- 25. Colourful powders are still used to color yarn, but the powders are imported from Thailand.

Exercise 6: Complete the passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.

(26) _____ hobbies and interests is highly beneficial to health in many ways. Not only does being active delay signs of aging but also leads to positive feelings and pleasure, which can help fight against illness. Participating (27) _____ leisure activities is a great way to boost the immune system to help our bodies avoid chronic illnesses such as heart diseases, diabetes, or cancer. (28) _____ sports also improves human flexibility and memory. For instance, a person can be more flexible and more easily solve their problems if he usually plays volleyball. Being good at things (29) _____ baking, painting, or playing musical instruments also helps people to reduce stress and make them more confident in normal life. (30) _____ an active day, a more restful night's sleep can be created. Some hobbies which involve other people can create social opportunities and improve self-esteem. Take card games, board games, or knitting as an example.

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C. LISTENING

Exercise 7: Listen to a speaker talking about his hobbies and choose the correct answers.

- 31. When did the speaker first tried sailing in Ha Long Bay?

- A. this summer
- B. last summer
- C. last winter

32. Who did he stay with when he came to Ha Long?

- A. his aunt
- B. his cousin
- C. his uncle

33. He felt happy when talking with _____ at the sailing club.

- A. his parent
- B. his same-aged peers
- C. his classmates

34. He found taking charge of his own boat by himself _____.

- A. satisfying
- B. challenging
- C. competent

35. He's fond of sailing because it's _____.

- A. boring and challenging
- B. challenging and sociable
- C. challenging and dependent

D. WRITING

Exercise 8: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate meaningful sentences in which the given words/ phrases are correctly ordered.

36. countryside / Life / in / the / is / quieter / peaceful / than / and / more / that / in / the city.

- A. Life in the countryside is quieter and more peaceful than that in the city.
- B. Life in countryside is more peaceful and the quieter than that in the city.
- C. Life in the countryside is peaceful and more quieter than that in the city.
- D. Life in the countryside is more peaceful than that the quieter in the city.

37. you / the / dance / Did / traditional / celebrate / the / rice / watch / festival / to / new / ?

- A. Did you watch the dance to celebrate the new traditional rice festival?
- B. Did you watch the traditional dance to celebrate the new rice festival?
- C. Did you dance the traditional watch to celebrate the new rice festival?
- D. Did you watch the new rice festival to celebrate the traditional dance?

38. My / I / pick / fruits / quickly / much/than / more / do /cousins/.

- A. My cousins much pick fruits more quickly than I do.
- B. My cousins much more pick fruits quickly than I do.
- C. My cousins do much more quickly than I pick fruits.
- D. My cousins pick fruits much more quickly than I do.

39. Alice / hates / tired / because / she / feels / when / about / she / thinks / it / marathons /.

- A. Alice hates marathons when she feels tired because she thinks about it.
- B. Alice hates marathons because she feels tired when she thinks about it.
- C. Alice hates marathons when she thinks about it because she feels tired.
- D. Alice hates when she thinks about marathons because she feels it tired.

40. enjoys / My / brother / coffee / condensed / drinking / milk / with / .

- A. My brother enjoys with condensed milk drinking coffee.
- B. My brother with condensed milk enjoys drinking coffee.
- C. My brother enjoys drinking coffee with condensed milk.
- D. My brother enjoys coffee condensed drinking with milk.

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