

Unit 1: LIFE STORIES WE ADMIRE

I. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. <u>peace</u> | B. <u>threat</u> | C. <u>death</u> | D. <u>bread</u> |
| 2. A. <u>diary</u> | B. <u>stylish</u> | C. <u>resign</u> | D. <u>biography</u> |
| 3. A. <u>family</u> | B. <u>parents</u> | C. <u>happy</u> | D. <u>frankly</u> |
| 4. A. <u>mischief</u> | B. <u>believe</u> | C. <u>obedience</u> | D. <u>niece</u> |
| 5. A. <u>shifts</u> | B. <u>works</u> | C. <u>groups</u> | D. <u>hands</u> |
| 6. A. <u>safe</u> | B. <u>secure</u> | C. <u>sure</u> | D. <u>support</u> |
| 7. A. <u>baths</u> | B. <u>clothes</u> | C. <u>enjoys</u> | D. <u>solutions</u> |
| 8. A. <u>biologist</u> | B. <u>shift</u> | C. <u>trick</u> | D. <u>discuss</u> |
| 9. A. <u>publish</u> | B. <u>adult</u> | C. <u>under</u> | D. <u>issue</u> |
| 10. A. <u>attend</u> | B. <u>admire</u> | C. <u>access</u> | D. <u>adopt</u> |
| 11. A. <u>cancer</u> | B. <u>culture</u> | C. <u>captain</u> | D. <u>center</u> |
| 12. A. <u>suggestion</u> | B. <u>contribution</u> | C. <u>education</u> | D. <u>introduction</u> |
| 13. A. <u>resign</u> | B. <u>resistance</u> | C. <u>insect</u> | D. <u>reusable</u> |
| 14. A. <u>college</u> | B. <u>wage</u> | C. <u>graduation</u> | D. <u>manage</u> |
| 15. A. <u>trade</u> | B. <u>accepted</u> | C. <u>salary</u> | D. <u>career</u> |
| 16. A. <u>sensible</u> | B. <u>degree</u> | C. <u>apprentice</u> | D. <u>professional</u> |
| 17. A. <u>advice</u> | B. <u>qualify</u> | C. <u>living</u> | D. <u>opinion</u> |
| 18. A. <u>business</u> | B. <u>advisor</u> | C. <u>sense</u> | D. <u>hands-on</u> |
| 19. A. <u>cost</u> | B. <u>doctorate</u> | C. <u>job</u> | D. <u>convince</u> |
| 720 A. <u>academic</u> | B. <u>dream</u> | C. <u>study</u> | D. <u>educational</u> |

II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet 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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| 1. A. domestic | B. possible | C. physical | D. musical |
| 2. A. vacant | B. ancient | C. central | D. alive |
| 3. A. answer | B. offer | C. reduce | D. product |
| 4. A. individual | B. experiment | C. independence | D. reputation |
| 5. A. astronaut | B. decision | C. pottery | D. poverty |
| 6. A. medicine | B. volunteer | C. military | D. habitat |
| 7. A. resist | B. achievement | C. impression | D. enemy |
| 8. A. contain | B. publish | C. remain | D. defeat |
| 9. A. unfortunate | B. intelligent | C. innovation | D. development |
| 10. A. experience | B. technology | C. electronics | D. accessible |
| 11. A. province | B. campaign | C. success | D. attack |
| 12. A. character | B. impressive | C. diagnose | D. company |

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

- Vo Nguyen Giap was widely recognized as a _____ genius for his pivotal role in leading Vietnamese forces during the First Indochina War and the Vietnam War.
A. military B. artistic C. musical D. literary
- His mother got bent out of _____ when he played video games until midnight.
A. colour B. shape C. eye D. board
- As a journalist, her duty is to _____ the truth behind illegal activities.
A. volunteer B. admire C. attend D. expose
- Viet Quang _____ himself to helping the needy in his neighbourhood.
A. admired B. devoted C. diagnosed D. attended
- Her interesting _____ of her trip to Thailand last year fascinated all of us.
A. rule B. biography C. account D. blockbuster
- Having a difficult childhood did not hold her back; instead, it inspired her to devote her life to social work, helping others _____ similar challenges.
A. observe B. note C. overcome D. protect
- Her biological parents were unable to raise her, so she was _____ by a family who provided her with a loving home.
A. adopted B. adapted C. advertised D. admitted
- Jobs met Steve Wozniak and they quickly _____ over their love of electronics, a shared passion that would eventually lead to the founding of Apple.

- A. bonded B. connected C. united D. argued
9. Thomas Edison's _____ achievement in developing the first practical electric light bulb revolutionized the way the world illuminated the night.
- A. impress B. impressive C. impression D. impressively
10. Vo Thi Sau _____ attacks against French colonial forces, becoming a symbol of resistance and courage in Vietnam's struggle for independence.
- A. carried out B. got over C. came across D. went on
11. Even though Susan was _____ with breast cancer, she remained positive.
- A. dedicated B. admired C. volunteered D. diagnosed
12. Parents who are too busy with their work find it hard to _____ with their children.
- A. adopt B. devote C. bond D. investigate
13. They were so _____ when they heard that their son was safe.
- A. anxious B. relieved C. depressed D. embarrassed
14. I am extremely _____ to all frontline workers who have been trying to save people.
- A. grateful B. investigative C. amazed D. anxious
15. The travel agency will send you the detailed _____ when they receive your money.
- A. genius B. duty C. achievement D. itinerary
16. Mr. Viet _____ his time and energy to giving free English lessons for poor children.
- A. admires B. devotes C. diagnoses D. attends
17. We _____ to the hospital to visit Mike when he _____ to say that he was fine.
- A. were driving - was calling B. drove - called
C. were driving - called D. drove - was calling
18. What _____ to you on Sunday night?
- A. happen B. happened C. was happening D. would happen
19. Last night, we _____ for you for ages but you never _____ up.
- A. waited – showed B. would wait - showed
C. were waiting - were showing D. waited – was showing
20. We _____ our quality time when the unexpected guess _____.
- A. had – came B. were having - came
C. had been having – came D. have had – would have come
21. Since they _____ us they _____ to visit us last Sunday, we _____ forward to the day.
- A. were telling - came - looked B. would tell – would visit - would look
C. told – would come - were looking D. tell - are coming - will look
22. He gave us a thrilling _____ of his experiences on the battlefield.
- A. rule B. biography C. account D. blockbuster
23. His _____ parents passed away in a tragic accident.
- A. biological B. ambitious C. cutting-edge D. creative
24. At the age of 30, she was _____ with a rare form of breast cancer.
- A. dedicated B. admired C. volunteered D. diagnosed
25. When I was in college, I _____ with a man because we both shared a passion for detective novels.
- A. adopted B. devoted C. bonded D. attended
26. Many Vietnamese young men volunteered to join the army during the war against France.
- A. resistance B. biography C. account D. experience
27. I _____ out last night but at the last minute I _____ that I had a quiz this morning.
- A. was going to go – realized B. went – realized
C. had gone – would realize D. would go - have realized
28. She hasn't paid as much attention to her children as she _____ since she _____ working.
- A. does – starts B. did - started
C. was doing - was starting D. has done - would start
29. My brother _____ at the road when he _____ into a hole.
- A. wasn't looking - was falling B. didn't look - has fallen
C. wasn't looking – fell D. won't look - fall
30. Magellan _____ the first European who _____ through the strait.
- A. was - was sailing B. was being - was sailing
C. had been – sailed D. was - sailed
31. The first self-sufficient village in Britain _____ the Norman's idea. They were some strange invaders who _____ to change the country in a better way.
- A. was – hoped B. is - have hoped
C. have been - were hoping D. was being - had hoped
32. We _____ a documentary about war heroes at 8.30 P.M. last Friday.
- A. watched B. have watched C. were watching D. are watching

33. I was reading an online article about General Vo Nguyen Giap when my friend _____.
 A. calls B. is calling C. has called D. called
34. Many soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country during the war.
 A. resistance B. biography C. account D. experience
35. When we _____ leisurely along the beach, a man approached us.
 A. are strolling B. were strolling C. stroll D. have strolled
36. They were taking selfies while the tour guide _____ the itinerary.
 A. explains B. is explaining C. has explained D. was explaining
37. Her parents were chatting about the news when she _____ home.
 A. comes B. is coming C. came D. has come
38. I _____ in the park when I _____ my old school friend.
 A. jogged, saw B. was jogging, saw C. was jogging, was seeing D. jogged, was seeing
39. Her innovations in software development are now _____ to a wide range of users.
 A. accessible B. successful C. available D. beneficial
- 40: His invention was not only innovative but also introduced _____ technology to the market.
 A. full-length B. traditional C. cutting-edge D. standard
- 41: She always _____ to improving the community and her efforts are still celebrated today.
 A. devoted B. respected C. admired D. concentrated

VI. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets (past simple or past continuous tense).

1. Yesterday, I _____ (volunteer) at the soup kitchen and I _____ (cook) meals for the homeless.
2. As I _____ (volunteer) at the beach clean-up, I _____ (discover) a variety of interesting seashells on the beach.
3. During my time as a volunteer at the food bank, I _____ (deliver) free meals to families in need.
4. While I _____ (help) at the community centre, I _____ (meet) a lot of wonderful people in our neighbourhood.
5. At 4 p.m. yesterday, they _____ (sort) the donations at the community centre.
6. While I _____ (join) an event at the children's hospital, I _____ (have) the chance to bring joy to the young patients through art activities.
7. Last summer, I _____ (participate) in a volunteer trip and I _____ (help) clean the local beach.
8. At the charity event one month ago, I _____ (set) up booths and _____ (help) the organisers.

VII. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it.

1. They worked on projects that create more opportunities for children in remote areas.
 A. projects B. create C. more D. for
2. She was selling handmade items and cookies where I called her yesterday.
 A. was selling B. handmade C. where D. called
3. While I volunteered at the community project, I saw many people with suffering and hardships.
 A. volunteered B. project C. with D. suffering
4. I first meet Trinh when we worked as volunteers at a local food bank three years ago.
 A. meet B. when C. as D. food bank
5. The guest speaker was speaking when we come to the event hall.
 A. guest B. was speaking C. come D. event

VIII. Combine each pair of sentences into one meaningful sentence.

1. I met Nhi on the street. She was volunteering at a blood donation event. (WHILE)
2. I saw Ha on my way home. She was donating her clothes to the charity event. (WHEN)
3. Tri was watching TV. He saw his friends taking part in the clean-up project on TV. (WHILE)
4. They were visiting the remote villages. They decided to help build a playground for kids. (WHILE)
5. He arrived at the centre. We were recording the donations. (WHEN)

IX. Read the following advertisements and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 11 to 16.

AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

Don't miss Taylor Swift's 2024 concert!

Sing along (11) _her top hits

Dance with the lively crowd

Create (12) ____lasting memories with friends.

Save the date for 13/7/2024 at Stella Stadium, IngleWood, CA8987 USA.

(13) ____your tickets now for an evening filled with joy and music. Don't hesitate – secure your spot for an unforgettable night!

- Question 11.** A. at B. to C. on D. of
- Question 12.** A. an B. the C. a D. Ø (no article)
- Question 13.** A. Bond B. Devote C. Book D. Admire

VAN GOGH ART DISCOVERY!

- Get to know famous artworks (14) ____ "Starry Night" and "Sunflowers"
- Discover Van Gogh's life through (15) ____ displays
- Enjoy clear audio guides
- Fun (16) ____for families with little ones
- Tickets: Adults \$12, Students \$8, Kids (under 10) free

Contact us:

- Email: info@vangoghexpo.com
- Address: 123 Artful Lane, Palette City

- Question 14.** A. if B. as though C. as if D. like
- Question 15.** A. fascinate B. fascination C. fascinating D. fascinatingly
- Question 16.** A. habits B. traditions C. activities D. memories

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make meaningful letter for the following question.

Question 17.

- a. I visited a beautiful place with a fascinating itinerary that allowed me to explore the local culture and scenery.
- b. I can't wait to tell you more about it when we meet.
- c. I took some selfies at breathtaking landmarks, capturing the memories that will last a lifetime.
- d. Dear Mark, I hope this letter finds you well.
- e. The people I met and the places I visited made me appreciate the diversity and beauty of our world.
- f. I wanted to share with you about my recent life-changing trip.
- A. d – e – a – b – f – c B. d – f – b – a – c – e
- C. d – f – a – c – e – b D. d – f – c – e – a – b

Question 18.

- a. Secondly, her achievements are remarkable; she became the youngest Indian woman to receive a Nobel award for her efforts.
- b. Dear Laura, I hope you are well.
- c. Her story is truly inspiring, and I believe her commitment to making a positive impact in the world deserves praise.
- d. Additionally, Malala has volunteered in various communities, providing educational opportunities for underprivileged children.
- e. Firstly, Malala is an inspiring young woman who has dedicated her life to advocating for girls' education.
- f. I wanted to share with you someone I truly admire – Malala Yousafzai.
- A. b – f – e – a – d – c B. b – f – e – c – a – d
- C. b – f – e – a – c – d D. b – f – d – e – a – c

X: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

Donald John Trump is the 45th President of the United States, in office since January 20, 2017. In addition to being a

politician, he is a successful business magnate and television personality as well. The son of a wealthy real estate developer, Trump attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1) _____. He owned several beauty pageants and ventured into reality television as well. (2) _____, he entered national politics in the early 2000s and set his eyes on the presidential office. As a politician, his career was marred by allegations of sexual misconduct and he also earned much (3) _____ for his extravagant lifestyle and controversial comments on immigrants from Islamic nations. (4) _____ Trump ran for the 2016 presidential election as a Republican and defeated Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in a surprise victory. Donald Trump is the first person to assume presidency without prior military or government service and at 70, (5) _____.

1. A. before taking charge of his family's business
C. after taking charge of his family's business
2. A. Expanding the horizons of his ambitions
C. Admiring the horizons of his ambitions
3. A. criticism
B. accusation
4. A. Thanks to the controversies surrounding him,
C. With the controversies surrounding him,
5. A. she is also the oldest one to assume the office
C. she is also the oldest one to participate the office
- B. Between taking charge of his family's business
D. Without taking charge of his family's business
- B. Reducing the horizons of his ambitions
D. Diagnosing the horizons of his ambitions
- C. blame
D. conviction
- B. Despite the controversies surrounding him,
D. Other than the controversies surrounding him,
- B. he is also the oldest one to invest the office
D. he is also the oldest one to assume the office

XI: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 1 to 5.

Steve Jobs, a genius in the world of technology, was born in 1955 and adopted by a working-class family. He dropped out of college, taking a leap into the unknown, where he found his passion for technology and creativity.

In 1976, Jobs met Steve Wozniak, and together **they** founded Apple, a company that would revolutionise the computer industry with cutting-edge innovations. Apple's Macintosh computer and the iconic iPhone are testaments to Jobs' commitment to cutting-edge design and user-friendly technology.

Apart from his work at Apple, Jobs also played a significant role in the success of Pixar Animation Studios, where he contributed to the creation of the first computer-animated film, Toy Story. Despite facing **setbacks**, such as being diagnosed with cancer, Jobs continued to lead Apple until his passing away in 2011.

His legacy lives on through the products and innovations that have shaped the way people live and work in the digital age.

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?
A. Steve Jobs' academic achievements
C. Steve Jobs' rare disease
2. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT stated about Steve Jobs?
A. He was adopted by a working-class family.
C. He didn't finish his college education.
3. The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. cutting-edge innovations
C. Jobs and Steve Wozniak
4. The word **setbacks** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to _____.
A. difficulties
B. advantages
C. results
D. influences
5. Which of the following is true about Steve Jobs?
A. He contributed to the success of Pixar Animation Studios.
B. He established Apple without the help of Steve Wozniak.
C. He didn't lead Apple when he was diagnosed with cancer.
D. His ambition was to shape the way people lived and worked
- B. Steve Jobs' life and achievements
D. Steve Jobs' first company
- B. He found a passion for technology from childhood.
D. He's a genius in the world of technology.
- B. Apple's Macintosh computer and iPhone
D. design and technology

XII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Regular routines can help people feel like they have control over their daily lives and that they can take positive steps (1) _____ managing their health. For example, making time for exercise within routines can help meet recommended daily activity levels. This is especially relevant now, (2) _____ research shows that people who reduced their activity levels during the pandemic could experience enduring health effects. As people increase activity outside their homes, they might (3) _____ taking transit to school and work, returning to organised fitness activities and the gym and opportunities to include movement throughout the day. (4) _____ ways that routines can support health include regular meal preparation and getting enough sleep, activities (5) _____ seem simple but can give positive results in healthy ageing over a lifetime.

Adapted from <https://theconversation.com/what-you-do-every-day-matters-the-power-of-routines-178592>

Question 1: A. on B. in C. of D. from

- Question 2:** A. but B. yet C. since D. despite
Question 3: A. consider B. use C. need D. open
Question 4: A. other B. another C. lot of D. few
Question 5: A. when B. where C. who D. which

XIII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Mental health issues such as anxiety and depression were a leading cause of global health problems even before the spread of COVID-19; however, **they**’ve gotten worse. Since the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, anxiety and depression rates worldwide have increased by an overwhelming 25%. In the U.S, 4 in 10 adults have reported symptoms of anxiety or depression during the pandemic, compared with 1 in 10 from January to June 2019.

Among the most affected are young adults and women. The **surge** in people struggling with mental illnesses has coincided with gaps in mental care services as well.

Research suggests that the pandemic has exacerbated the impacts of loneliness. Additionally, people’s fear of missing out, also known as FOMO, hasn’t decreased even since in-person social gatherings became less frequent. But small daily actions - such as a short walk, break from social media or even a catnap - can add up to have an impact on mental health. Separately, counselling, therapy and medication prescribed by health care providers are effective treatments for those experiencing mental illness.

Adapted from: <https://theconversation.com/the-power-of-short-breaks-movement-and-other-practices-on-improving-mental-health-4-essential-reads-187413>

Question 1: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. How to Handle Mental Illness B. Mental Health - an Alarming Issue
 C. The Effect of Covid-19 D. Fomo

Question 2: The word “**they**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. global health problems B. symptoms
 C. mental health issues D. adults

Question 3: The word “**surge**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. growth B. decline C. view D. situation

Question 4: According to paragraph 1, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Mental illness is not a worldwide problem.
 B. The rates of anxiety and depression experienced an increase by 25% in the first year of COVID-19.
 C. 4 in 10 adults in the US show symptoms of depression and anxiety before June 2019.
 D. Mental health issues have not changed since COVID-19.

Question 5: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. The influences of loneliness got worse during the pandemic.
 B. There are many kinds of treatments to tackle mental health issues.
 C. Even though now there are fewer in-person social meetings, the number of people having FOMO has not reduced.
 D. Young adults and men are the highest number of people suffering from mental illnesses.

XIV. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The average daily time spent online by adults increased by nearly an hour during the UK’s spring lockdown when compared to the previous year, according to communications regulator Ofcom, with numerous countries back under severe pandemic restrictions, many of us once again find ourselves questioning whether our heavy reliance on technology is impacting our health.

It’s true that digital devices have provided new means of work, education, connection, and entertainment during lockdown. But the perceived pressure to be online, the tendency to **procrastinate** to avoid undertaking tasks, and the use of digital platforms as a way to escape stress all have the potential to turn healthy behaviours into habits. This repetitive use can develop into addictive patterns, which can in turn affect a user’s wellbeing.

Digital addiction refers to the addictive and excessive use of digital devices. The design of digital platforms themselves contributes to this addictive use. Notifications, news feeds, likes and comments have all been shown to contribute towards a battle for your attention, which leads users to increase the time **they** spend looking at screens.

Screen time is an obvious measure of digital addiction, although researchers have noted that there is no simple way to determine how much screen time one can experience before it becomes problematic. As such, there is a continued lack of **consensus** on how we should think about and measure digital addiction.

During a global pandemic, when there often feels like no alternative to using Netflix, or video conferencing with friends and family, screen time as an indicator of digital addiction is clearly ineffective. Nonetheless, research conducted on preventing digital addiction does provide insights on how we can all engage with our digital technologies in a healthier way during a lockdown.

Adapted from: <https://theconversation.com/five-ways-to-manage-your-screen-time-in-a-lockdown-according-to-tech-experts-152715>

Question 1: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Digital Addiction During Pandemic Lockdown
- B. The Effect of Covid-19 Lockdown
- C. Forms of Digital Entertainment
- D. Research about Digital Addiction

Question 2: The word “**procrastinate**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. complete
- B. push
- C. delay
- D. extend

Question 3: The word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. notifications
- B. users
- C. digital platforms
- D. researchers

Question 4: The word “**consensus**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. research
- B. repetition
- C. discord
- D. agreement

Question 5: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The way to measure digital addiction needs to be studied more.
- B. Digital addiction happens when people use digital devices moderately.
- C. The design of social platforms is not related to overuse of digital devices.
- D. It is not hard to decide the problematic amount of screen time.

Question 6: Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- A. During the spring lockdown, the daily amount of time people spend online increased by nearly one hour compared to the previous year.
- B. Digital devices create a new means of entertainment.
- C. The use of digital platforms cannot become addictive.
- D. People use digital platforms to escape from anxiety.

Question 7: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Overuse of digital devices can have a negative health effect.
- B. Notifications and news feeds do not distract you from other things.
- C. People cannot connect with their family during lockdown.
- D. People have to completely get rid of digital devices to be healthy.

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