

## PRACTICE EXERCISES

### I/ PHONETICS

Choose the word whose underlined part is different from the other three.

1. A. bay B. palace C. lay D. operate
2. A. temple B. garden C. expensive D. stress
3. A. extreme B. credit C. access D. entry
4. A. ankle B. bag C. habitat D. bar
5. A. needed B. decided C. blocked D. protected

Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the other three.

6. A. visit B. boring C. crowded D. observe
7. A. passport B. control C. luggage D. office
8. A. statue B. palace C. castle D. device
9. A. departure B. attendant C. officer D. replacement
10. A. intention B. adventure C. departure D. tourism

### II/ VOCABULARY

11. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy nature and see exotic plants.  
A. national park B. aquarium C. tower D. palace
12. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about interesting old objects.  
A. museum B. gardens C. tower D. theme park
13. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to see where members of the royal family live.  
A. aquarium B. museum C. park D. palace
14. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to go on exciting rides.  
A. gardens B. museum C. theme park D. tower
15. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to get a great view of a city.  
A. tower B. park C. garden D. aquarium
16. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to see fish and sharks.  
A. aquarium B. museum C. park D. palace
17. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to see unusual trees, plants and flowers.  
A. botanical garden B. aquarium C. tower D. palace
18. The theme park was very \_\_\_\_\_; there were thousands of people there.  
A. crowded B. expensive C. cheap D. empty
19. In the summer, we like to go walking in \_\_\_\_\_ places, far away from any cities or towns.  
A. boring B. remote C. cheap D. expensive
20. The Shard in London is an amazing building – it's 309.6 metres tall so it's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. peaceful B. historic C. impressive D. boring
21. I was delighted when Tom gave me the ring – it was made of \_\_\_\_\_ and it looked very expensive.  
A. glass B. gold C. rubber D. wood
22. Is there any more \_\_\_\_\_ to put on the fire?  
A. ceramic B. concrete C. wood D. gold
23. The bridge is made of hard, grey \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. concrete B. gold C. leather D. rubber
24. The bottoms of these shoes are made of \_\_\_\_\_ so they're very comfortable.  
A. rubber B. concrete C. iron D. aluminium
25. The architect would like to use a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in this building, so you can see through it.  
A. glass B. gold C. rubber D. wood
26. Jim's bike is made of \_\_\_\_\_ and other light metals.  
A. steel B. gold C. leather D. cardboard

27. My new dress looks like it's made of silk, but it's actually made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. concrete                      B. aluminium                      C. plastic                      D. nylon
28. The man was wearing expensive Italian \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.
- A. concrete                      B. copper                      C. leather                      D. paper
29. The present arrived in the post in a big \_\_\_\_\_ box.
- A. concrete                      B. cardboard                      C. aluminium                      D. leather
30. A metal called \_\_\_\_\_ is used in many buildings because it is hard and strong.
- A. glass                      B. steel                      C. rubber                      D. wood

### III/ GRAMMAR

- **Present Perfect vs Past Simple**

31. There \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of changes in Vietnam since the 1990s.
- A. was                      B. have been                      C. has been                      D. are
32. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- A. meet                      B. have met                      C. has met                      D. met
33. We \_\_\_\_\_ piano 2 years ago.
- A. play                      B. played                      C. have played                      D. are playing
34. My dog has chased my cat since I \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- A. is coming                      B. have come                      C. came                      D. come
35. This is the best novel I \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. have ever read                      B. have ever readed                      C. read                      D. readed

- **Passive Voice** Complete the sentences with the correct **present simple** or **past simple** or **present perfect passive form** of the verbs in brackets.

36. Last night two statues \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) from a museum in the city centre.
37. In the UK, more money \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) on the internet every year.
38. Iron \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to make many things since the Iron Age.
39. Gold \_\_\_\_\_ (find) in Wales in 74 AD.
40. Every day, English exams \_\_\_\_\_ (take) by thousands of people around the world.

- **Reported Speech**

41. "He will come tomorrow"- Jeanne told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ the next day.
- A. is coming                      B. would come                      C. will come                      D. came
42. "Open the window!" He asked me \_\_\_\_\_ the window.
- A. to open                      B. opened                      C. opening                      D. had open
43. "I see the clouds here." - He told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds there.
- A. see                      B. sees                      C. is seeing                      D. saw
44. 'I can swim really fast today.'
- A. He said that he can swim really fast that day.
- B. He said that he could swim really fast that day.
- C. He said me that he could swim really fast that day.
- D. He said me that he can swim really fast today.
45. 'There was an accident outside the supermarket,' said Joanna.
- A. Joanna said there has been an accident outside the supermarket.
- B. Joanna said there were an accident outside the supermarket.
- C. Joanna said there had been an accident outside the supermarket.
- D. Joanna said there has an accident outside the supermarket.



D. I can give you a credit note

**V/ FILL IN THE BLANKS (WORD FORMS)**

1. I think Phu Quoc Island is one of Vietnam's most popular tourist \_\_\_\_\_. (**ATTRACT**)
2. My mother couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a house in the city center. (**AFFORDABLE**)
3. Try to act \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the camera. (**NATURE**)
4. His cousin and the doctor felt worried and \_\_\_\_\_. (**SECURE**)
5. The country depends on \_\_\_\_\_ for much of its income. (**TOUR**)
6. His brother is one of the most talented young \_\_\_\_\_ in our age. (**MUSIC**)
7. The president of America is \_\_\_\_\_ elected every four years. (**POPULAR**)
8. Researchers in this field have made some important new \_\_\_\_\_. (**DISCOVER**)
9. Clothes should not be so tight that they restrict your \_\_\_\_\_. (**MOVE**)
10. He is learning how to think \_\_\_\_\_. (**SCIENCE**)
11. I've already \_\_\_\_\_ with her to meet at the airport. (**ARRANGE**)
12. We have had some serious \_\_\_\_\_ from parents. (**COMPLAIN**)
13. The first safety razor was \_\_\_\_\_ by company founder King C. Gillette in 1903. (**INVENT**)
14. I called his office but just got a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. (**RECORD**)
15. The labs use advanced \_\_\_\_\_ to study the function of various cells, (**TECHNOLOGICAL**).

**VI/ COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT HAS A SIMILAR MEANING TO THE FIRST**

**PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE**

1. Lan started to live in Da Lat 4 years ago.  
→ Lan has \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My son began to study English when he was young.  
→ My son has \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I have never eaten this kind of food before.  
→ This is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Lan has never seen such a beautiful girl before.  
→ This is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. This is the best book she has ever read.  
→ She has \_\_\_\_\_.
6. This is the first time Cuong went to China.  
→ Cuong has \_\_\_\_\_.
7. My sister started learning French 2 years ago.  
→ My sister has \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jonny hasn't taken a bath since Monday.  
→ My parents has \_\_\_\_\_.
9. My brother last had his car repaired in January.  
→ My brother has \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I haven't seen my grandmother for 6 months.  
→ The last time \_\_\_\_\_.

**PASSIVE**

1. Ann can't use her office at the moment.  
→ Her office \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I have to finish my work now.

- My work \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. You must do your task.
  - Your task \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Governments should offer poor women more help.
  - Poor women \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. We must do something before it's too late.
  - Something \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. My uncle may earn 500\$ a day.
  - 500\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. He might have caught the fish.
  - The fish \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. They will sue the company for wage discrimination.
  - The company \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. She could have washed the dress.
  - The dress \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. She can't pick many flowers.
  - Many flowers \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. People eat 40 million hamburgers every day.
  - 40 million hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. People speak English all over the world
  - English \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Where did they invent gun powder?
  - Where \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. The police didn't find the missing girl last weekend.
  - The missing girl \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Tourists don't visit this museum very often.
  - This museum \_\_\_\_\_

### REPORTED SPEECH

- 1. Claire said, "I may go to Bali again."
  - Claire said \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Sandra said, "We have to stay home because it has been raining all the evening."
  - Sandra said \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Nick said to me: "I know the place well because I lived live here."
  - Nick told me \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Mark said, "We must finish this report, Sandra."
  - Mark told Sandra \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. "You mustn't play video games before finishing your homework", said my mum
  - My mum said \_\_\_\_\_

### VERB + PREP

- 1. All of the family members were taken care of my grandmother at her young age. **(FOR)**
  - My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. I have just given my presentation topic to my teacher and he thinks it's good. **(WITH)**
  - My teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. I am sorry because I have used your computer without permission. **(FOR)**
  - I \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. I wish that I could become a singer someday. **(OF)**
  - I \_\_\_\_\_

5. Can you help me? I haven't done my homework. (WITH)

→ Can \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRACTICE TEST 1

### USE OF ENGLISH

Mark A, B, C or D to indicate the word pronounced differently from the rest in each of the following questions.

1. A. camera                      B. radio                      C. ceramic                      D. camcorder  
2. A. copper                      B. golden                      C. profile                      D. headphone

Mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. heritage                      B. cathedral                      C. attraction                      D. intention  
4. A. ticket                      B. visit                      C. credit                      D. control

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

5. We ever went to Hue city 3 times; it is an amazing and impressive city in the central area of Vietnam.  
A. ever went                      B. amazing                      C. central                      D. of  
6. Mailisa said she would call me back when she got home tomorrow.  
A. she                      B. back                      C. got                      D. tomorrow  
7. He is 13 years old, an impressive age so he is easily affected by other people.  
A. years                      B. impressive                      C. easily                      D. By

Choose the word /phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in each sentence.

8. You can go to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to see unusual trees, plants and flowers.  
A. botanical garden    B. aquarium                      C. tower                      D. palace  
9. I was delighted when Tom gave me the ring – it was made of \_\_\_\_\_ and it looked very expensive.  
A. glass                      B. gold                      C. rubber                      D. wood  
10. I think the first antibiotic was the greatest medical \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. result                      B. finding                      C. outcome                      D. discovery  
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ at the state school as a Maths teacher for 20 years.  
A. teaches                      B. taught                      C. has taught                      D. will teach  
12. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ my key. I had to ask my roommate to open the door for me.  
A. lose                      B. lost                      C. will lose                      D. losing  
13. Since the last century, a lot of the world's forests \_\_\_\_\_ to provide wood for making furniture and paper.  
A. destroyed                      B. have destroyed  
C. have been destroyed                      D. were destroyed  
14. In the past, I \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo by parents on weekends to relax after working hard.  
A. was taken                      B. took                      C. am taken                      D. take  
15. He told me he \_\_\_\_\_ me the following day.  
A. would phone                      B. will phone                      C. phoning                      D. phones  
16. Many scientists from countries are working hard to take part \_\_\_\_\_ the race.  
A. of                      B. in                      C. about                      D. on

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

17. With competition heating up, the latest gadgets have added features to set them apart from the competition.

- A. devices                      B. materials                      C. intentions                      D. landscapes

18. I really think much of music and arts; I spend a lot of free time practicing singing and drawing pictures.

- A. examine                      B. study                      C. enjoy                      D. listen to

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

Mark Harris is a research scientist at Rothera Research Station, on Adelaide Island in the Antarctic. We asked Mark what were the best and the worst things about living in the Antarctic.

‘The best thing about being here is the wonderful view,’ Mark said. ‘On my first day, I was unlucky because I was ill and had to spend a few days in bed. The station’s doctor thought I’d eaten something bad at home, or in the station canteen, but I didn’t even go to the canteen. I think it was the meal I had on the journey across – it didn’t taste right to me. And so I was pretty miserable at the beginning. But then I lay in bed during those first days and watched icebergs drifting past my window. It was amazing! In summer, I like to be outside as much as possible. One of my jobs is to fly around with other scientists in a helicopter making observations and checking on experiments. We fly over the most fantastic places. Our pilots are really skilled. They can land anywhere – even on glaciers!’

‘I try not to think about the bad things, but there are some, of course. I like the food – it’s actually really good – but we don’t have fresh fruit and vegetables. I often think about the countryside: the green grass, the trees, and the flowers. I always look forward to seeing it again. But Rothera is great because there’s always someone to talk to if you’re feeling unhappy, and someone will always help you with a difficult task. But at the same time people understand when you want to be alone.’

‘There’s always plenty to do as well. You might think that living in the middle of so much snow is boring, but it isn’t at all. On good days I like to ski and snowboard, and watch the wildlife. I play badminton and table tennis at the station, and some nights I go to the gym, so fitness isn’t a problem. We have video nights and games nights, and we even have cookery and woodwork lessons. I’ve actually learned some great new skills since I’ve been here. I’ve also had two holidays, camping. Of course, I’d like to have many friends and family with me, and I always think about that, but that can’t happen for a while. I have to be patient. All in all, being at Rothera is a great experience.’

19. Mark thinks he ate something bad \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a few days after he arrived at the station.  
B. during his trip to the station.  
C. before he left home.  
D. on the day he arrived at the station.

20. During the summer months, Mark \_\_\_\_\_

- A. flies a small plane.  
B. travels across the island.  
C. works alone.  
D. spends his time inside the station.

21. Mark sometimes feels bad because he \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. dislikes the meals at the station.  
 B. never has time alone.  
 C. misses the countryside.  
 D. finds the work difficult.
22. Mark would like to \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. see his family more often.  
 B. have a holiday on the island.  
 C. learn some new skills.  
 D. have more opportunity to get fit.
23. The purpose of the article is to \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. advertise jobs for scientists in the Antarctic.  
 B. make people aware of the problems in the Antarctic.  
 C. explain how to become a scientist in the Antarctic.  
 D. describe everyday life for a scientist in the Antarctic.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

I've been (24) \_\_\_\_\_ a number of holidays without my parents, but the first holiday was two years ago, when I was sixteen. Six of us decided to go backpacking in Wales during the school holidays. I had booked cheap hotels (25) \_\_\_\_\_ we left. The first two days were fine. But at the end of the second day, we lost our way. It was pouring with rain and it was getting dark. We eventually came to a farmhouse and knocked on the door. We were so dirty and wet (26) \_\_\_\_\_ they didn't let us into the house. We had to wait in the garage! But they let us phone the hotel. Anyway, the hotel manager kindly (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a car for us. But the next day it was still raining so we decided to take the train home. I've learned why no one goes backpacking in Britain in March – it rains non-stop and the fields (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in deep mud. I've never had such a miserable time! My holidays since then have been in warm places with dry weather!

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 24. A. in     | B. on          | C. with         | D. at           |
| 25. A. before | B. after       | C. when         | D. while        |
| 26. A. as     | B. which       | C. that         | D. because      |
| 27. A. sends  | B. sending     | C. send         | D. sent         |
| 28. A. cover  | B. are covered | C. were covered | D. are covering |

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.**

29. - Tom: " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
 - Mary: "It has stopped working."  
 A. What's the problem with your laptop?      B. What a nice laptop!  
 C. Where did you buy your laptop?              D. How often do you use your laptop?
30. - Emma "Let's take an open-top-bus tour of the city to see all the major sights."  
 - Lucy: " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
 A. Not at all.    B. That sounds fun.  
 C. Great. Thanks very much.                         D. Yes, please.

**Fill in the blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

31. You should a good pair of sunglasses for \_\_\_\_\_ against the sun's rays.  
 (PROTECT)



32. It's important that students develop a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of how the internet can be used. (AWARE)
33. I think I have made a wrong \_\_\_\_\_ because I didn't spend much time on it. (DECIDE)
34. The new policy has brought \_\_\_\_\_ to our country. (PROSPER)
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the computer has revolutionized the business world. (INVENT)

*Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.*

36. My friends and I arrived here three months ago.  
→ My friends and I have \_\_\_\_\_ .
37. Jenny said, 'I will go to Ben Thanh market tomorrow.'  
→ Jenny said that \_\_\_\_\_ .
38. Alice has sold all the tickets for Friday's concert.  
→ All the tickets for \_\_\_\_\_ .
39. Mr. Kate says that the noise from karaoke is not good.  
→ Mr. Kate complains \_\_\_\_\_ .
40. My science homework was completed thanks to his great help. (WITH)  
→ He \_\_\_\_\_ .

*-- This is the end of the practice test 1. --*

## PRACTICE TEST 2

*Mark A, B, C or D to indicate the word pronounced differently from the rest in each of the following questions.*

1. A. question                      B. virtual                      C. suggestion                      D. reconstruction  
2. A. excursion                      B. television                      C. console                      D. decision

*Mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.*

3. A. concert                      B. district                      C. surprise                      D. campsite  
4. A. ability                      B. reconstruction                      C. generation                      D. exploration

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.*

5. Laughter has a positive effect for your health. It reduces high blood pressure and can prevent some illnesses.  
A. positive                      B. for your health                      C. blood pressure                      D. illnesses
6. Matthew said that he had been in an awkward situation yesterday.  
A. said                      B. had been                      C. awkward                      D. yesterday
7. When Linda was a child, she thought up an imaginative friend called Booboo.  
A. When                      B. up                      C. imaginative                      D. called

*Choose the word /phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in each sentence.*

8. The council has succeeded in \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of homelessness in the city.  
A. caring for                      B. thinking of                      C. dealing with                      D. arguing with
9. On the plane the \_\_\_\_\_ brought me a bottle of mineral water.  
A. conductor                      B. assistant                      C. waitress                      D. flight attendant
10. The computer provides \_\_\_\_\_ to all the information.  
A. power                      B. news                      C. access                      D. programs
11. Neighbors heard the child \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the police.



19. According to the passage 1, Einstein's primary work was in the area of  
 A. chemistry            B. biology            C. physics            D. math
20. According to the passage, Einstein supported all of the following **EXCEPT**  
 A. nationalism  
 B. the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine  
 C. atomic bomb research in the United States  
 D. the defeat of the Nazis.
21. According to Einstein, light is composed of separate packets of energy called  
 A. electrons            B. photoelectrons    C. gamma rays        D. quanta
22. The word "**exalting**" in the passage is closest in meaning to  
 A. criticism            B. elimination        C. support            D. elevation
23. It is clear from the tone of the passage that the author feels  
 A. Einstein's work in physics was somewhat tarnished by his conservative political views.  
 B. Einstein's work in physics, though theoretically impressive, led to few practical applications.  
 C. Albert Einstein was one of the most brilliant thinkers in history.  
 D. Einstein's theories have been consistently proven incorrect.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

This is a place where people of all ages can come and be entertained and never want to leave. It is Disneyland, just outside Paris, especially (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to provide the best for Europe and the demands of its new theme. The park is divided into five areas, each one representing a special theme. As if in a film, the (25) \_\_\_\_\_ are taken along through a series of magical sets to relive the past, visit wonderful faraway places full of excitement and fantasy, and even look into the future. The trees (26) \_\_\_\_\_ have been planted around the park, which has six hotels to suit the needs of every guest. (27) \_\_\_\_\_, there are campsites and fully equipped caravans for rental. There is no shortage of sporting opportunities and, besides many health clubs in the actual hotels, there is a variety (28) \_\_\_\_\_ fascinating nature trails you may wish to follow. The Disneyland Resort is easily reached by road or rail. Whichever way you choose to arrive, you will be relaxed enough to enjoy all the wonderful things that the park has to offer.

24. A. created            B. composed            C. placed            D. consisted
25. A. staff            B. guests            C. members            D. teams
26. A. whose            B. whom            C. what            D. which
27. A. Unfortunately    B. However            C. In addition        D. Consequently
28. A. for            B. in            C. of            D. with

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.**

29. - Lan: "I quite like cooking and going shopping at weekends."  
 - Nga: "\_\_\_\_\_"  
 A. Me too.            B. How about you?  
 C. I'm afraid not.    D. So I do.
30. - Administrator: "Hello, Have you come to enroll for your course or pay your fees?"  
 - Student: "\_\_\_\_\_"  
 A. Um, both actually.    B. Yes, I do.  
 C. Forget it.            D. I'm not happy about that.

**Fill in the blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

31. The world changed rapidly after the \_\_\_\_\_ of the phone. (INVENT)
32. The steam engine was the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ advance of the 19th century. (TECHNOLOGY)

33. \_\_\_\_\_ people should have the same rights and choices as everyone else. **(ABLE)**
34. For more adventurous \_\_\_\_\_, there are trips into the mountains with a local guide. **(TOUR)**
35. Many girls in the United States have the name Emma. It is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ name. **(POPULARIZE)**

*Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.*

36. My children haven't been to the supermarket since they were in grade 5.  
→ The last time \_\_\_\_\_
37. They started studying Spanish and Chinese 5 years ago.  
→ They have \_\_\_\_\_
38. Mark said, "We must finish this report, Sandra."  
→ Mark told Sandra \_\_\_\_\_
39. They will serve dinner after the chairman makes a speech.  
→ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ after a speech \_\_\_\_\_
40. "I've never known about this place.", Anna told her uncle. **(OF)**  
→ Anna told her uncle \_\_\_\_\_

*-- This is the end of the practice test 2. --*