

PRACTICE EXERCISES
SECTION 1 – PHONETICS

1.1. PRONUNCIATION

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

Exercise 1

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| 1. A. <u>pre</u> dict | B. <u>pre</u> paration | C. <u>ex</u> pect | D. <u>ext</u> ensive |
| 2. A. <u>ab</u> rupt | B. <u>fun</u> nel | C. <u>vol</u> ume | D. <u>thun</u> der |
| 3. A. <u>cli</u> mate | B. <u>com</u> prise | C. <u>cons</u> ist | D. <u>div</u> ide |
| 4. A. <u>eco</u> nomic | B. <u>con</u> clusion | C. <u>sail</u> or | D. <u>min</u> ority |
| 5. A. <u>un</u> ited | B. <u>un</u> iversity | C. <u>un</u> iverse | D. <u>un</u> known |
| 6. A. <u>des</u> ign | B. <u>loo</u> se | C. <u>sty</u> le | D. <u>sym</u> bol |
| 7. A. <u>cho</u> ice | B. <u>rese</u> arch | C. <u>sch</u> edule | D. <u>chop</u> sticks |
| 8. A. <u>hob</u> by | B. <u>den</u> y | C. <u>po</u> etry | D. <u>prim</u> ary |
| 9. A. <u>bot</u> tle | B. <u>fol</u> k | C. <u>ora</u> nge | D. <u>chop</u> sticks |
| 10. A. <u>qual</u> ify | B. <u>bag</u> gy | C. <u>gro</u> cery | D. <u>scen</u> ery |

Exercise 2

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| 1. A. <u>h</u> ome | B. <u>c</u> ome | C. <u>s</u> ome | D. <u>h</u> oney |
| 2. A. <u>pr</u> ay | B. <u>se</u> parate | C. <u>ch</u> ampagne | D. <u>vi</u> able |
| 3. A. <u>de</u> pend | B. <u>se</u> condary | C. <u>de</u> posit | D. <u>re</u> spond |
| 4. A. <u>cor</u> respond | B. <u>min</u> ority | C. <u>wor</u> ship | D. <u>co</u> urse |
| 5. A. <u>cri</u> er | B. <u>in</u> struction | C. <u>in</u> teractive | D. <u>im</u> press |
| 6. A. <u>re</u> mote | B. <u>atm</u> osphere | C. <u>con</u> venient | D. <u>com</u> mercial |
| 7. A. <u>kit</u> s | B. <u>phot</u> ographs | C. <u>laugh</u> s | D. <u>cho</u> res |
| 8. A. <u>edu</u> cation | B. <u>dan</u> gerous | C. <u>mod</u> ern | D. <u>me</u> dia |
| 9. A. <u>cre</u> ature | B. <u>be</u> ar | C. <u>je</u> ans | D. <u>re</u> ach |
| 10. A. <u>chan</u> nel | B. <u>ch</u> at | C. <u>sch</u> ool | D. <u>ch</u> ance |

1.2. WORD STRESS

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose primary stress is placed differently from that of the others.

Exercise 1

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| 1. A. handicraft | B. lacquer | C. artisan | D. pottery |
| 2. A. historical | B. embroidery | C. authority | D. architecture |
| 3. A. famous | B. village | C. workshop | D. bamboo |
| 4. A. business | B. experience | C. grandparent | D. chocolate |
| 5. A. transfer | B. publish | C. accept | D. remind |
| 6. A. adolescence | B. adulthood | C. cognitive | D. concentrate |
| 7. A. confident | B. delighted | C. depressed | D. embarrassed |
| 8. A. emergency | B. frustrated | C. independence | D. decision |
| 9. A. relaxed | B. worried | C. wander | D. dweller |
| 10. A. discipline | B. determine | C. cultural | D. indicator |

SECTION 2 – ERROR IDENTIFICATION

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

Exercise 1

- Mary was determined to leave (A) the office by (B) 4:30 for catching (C) early train home (D).
- I often look into (A) new words in (B) the dictionary whenever (C) I don't know their (D) meanings.
- Even (A) on the most careful (B) prepared trip (C), problems will sometimes (D) develop.

4. The existence (A) of many stars in the sky lead (B) us to suspect that there may be (C) life on another (D) planet.
5. It is believed (A) that in the near future (B) robots will be used to doing (C) things such as (D) cooking.
6. My father used to give(A) me a good advice (B)whenever (C) I had a problem (D).
7. The teacher asked him why (A) hadn't he done (B) his homework, but (C) he said nothing (D).
8. Although his family is (A) poor, but (B) he studies (C) very well (D).
9. The package (A) must be wrapped (B) carefully before (C) it is post (D).
10. I am (A) very interesting (B) in problems caused (C) by pollution (D).

SECTION 3 - GRAMMAR

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) that best fits the gap in each of the following sentences.

Exercise 1

1. Mary isn't _____ her sister.
A. so pretty than B. as pretty than C. prettier as D. as pretty as
2. They speak English _____ than we do.
A. more fluently B. fluentlier C. most fluently D. fluentliest
3. The competition makes the prices _____.
A. more cheap and cheap C. cheaper and cheaper
B. more cheap and more cheap D. cheaper and cheapest
4. Which is _____ planet in our solar system?
A. smaller B. smallest C. the most small D. the smallest
5. "I'm sorry to hear about your grandmother's illness. Does she feel _____ now?"
A. better B. best C. the best D. the better
6. Which mount is _____ in the world?
A. higher B. the higher C. highest D. the highest
7. Basketballs are _____ than footballs.
A. expensiver C. expensivest
B. more expensive D. the most expensive
8. Ice hockey is a _____ sport than basketball or tennis.
A. as dangerous C. most dangerous
B. more dangerous D. the most dangerous
9. Of all the sports in the Olympics, which sport is _____?
A. as dangerous C. most dangerous
B. more dangerous D. the most dangerous
10. This is _____ football team in the country.
A. the better B. the worse C. the best D. the baddest

PREPOSITIONS – PHRASAL VERBS

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) that best fits the gap in each of the following sentences.

Exercise 1

1. Do you think this bag goes _____ my jacket?
A. with B. for C. to D. at
2. I immediately noticed the lady _____ a blue dress.
A. in B. of C. with D. on
3. If you are going to stay, why don't you _____ your coat?

- A. lift off B. move off C. take off D. put off
4. I _____ my new jumper and wore it to the party.
A. put on B. put away C. put in D. put together
5. Malaysia is divided _____ two regions, known as West Malaysia and East Malaysia.
A. in B. into C. to D. as
6. The Ao Dai consists _____ a long silk tunic that is slit on the sides and worn over loose pants.
A. in B. as C. of D. for
7. Designers have taken inspiration _____ Vietnamese's ethnic minorities.
A. of B. in C. for D. from
8. I don't think that this fashion will _____.
A. catch on B. catch up C. catch out D. catch over
9. The water heater is _____ again, so I think that we should call a plumber to get it fixed properly.
A. taking on B. falling back C. playing up D. breaking out
10. They grow rice _____ tropical countries.
A. at B. on C. around D. in

Exercise 2

1. Sam smiled and _____ on with her work.
A. caught B. continued C. kept D. went
2. She can't _____ pretending everything is fine while clearly it is not.
A. keep up with B. go on C. keep for D. go for
3. I wonder what's going _____ next door – sounds like they are having a big argument.
A. up B. to C. on D. in
4. _____ the TV for me, will you? I want to watch the weather forecast.
A. Turn off B. Turn up C. Turn on D. Turn in
5. If you're _____ helping, turn up on Sunday at 3p.m.
A. interested in B. keen in C. looking forward D. able to
6. I'm looking forward to _____ you this weekend.
A. see B. seeing C. have seen D. be seeing
7. He went _____ a bad cold just before Christmas.
A. down with B. in for C. over D. through
8. She has put _____ a lot of weight since last year.
A. down B. in C. off D. on
9. Before newspapers were invented, town criers would _____ through city streets ringing a bell.
A. travel B. go C. run D. jog
10. Hoa Hoc Tro is one of the most popular magazines and is widely read _____ teenagers.
A. with B. for C. in D. by

SECTION 4: READING

Exercise 16

Ha Noi had its first tramways in 1900. The tram system was a major means of transport in the city (1) _____ nine decades and thus the image of the tram and its clanging sounds have gone deep (2) _____ the hearts and minds of Hanoians. Since it was convenient and cheap to get (3) _____ the city and to the suburban areas by tram, the system was very popular. However, due to the population boom and the need (4) _____ a wider road system, the last rail track was removed.

Now, (5)_____ more than 20 years, the population of Ha Noi has risen from about two million people to more than six million people; therefore, the number of vehicles (6)_____ the roads has increased dramatically. To meet the increasing travel demands, Ha Noi is launching its first sky train system, connecting Cat Linh and Ha Dong. The system is expected to begin operations by 2016, with initial four-compartment skytrains. Furthermore, a new rail system project including around eight kilometres of skytrain rail and four kilometres of subway rail, connecting Ha Noi Central Station and Nhon, has also been (7)_____ construction and is expected to be completed (8)_____ a few years

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| 1. A. for | B. in | C. with | D. at |
| 2. A. over | B. under | C. into | D. off |
| 3. A. around | B. among | C. towards | D. by |
| 4. A. to | B. up | C. out | D. for |
| 5. A. at | B. of | C. out of | D. after |
| 6. A. in | B. on | C. down | D. off |
| 7. A. under | B. at | C. onto | D. with |
| 8. A. beyond | B. on | C. at | D. in |

SECTION 5 – WRITING

6.1. SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

6.1.1. Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

Exercise 1

1. I can't advise him if he doesn't tell me more about the situation.
I can't advise him unless _____
2. Paola's father made her sing.
Paola was _____
3. "You broke my vase, John", said his mother angrily.
John's mother accused _____
4. These trousers are too small for Kate.
These trousers are not _____
5. Harry, please don't smoke here.
Harry, would you mind _____?
6. Let's have a walk in the woods this afternoon.
How about _____?
7. You must listen carefully to the teacher's instruction.
You must pay _____
8. I don't want to go to the football match tomorrow.
I'd rather _____
9. Please ring us on your arrival at the airport.
Please ring us as soon as _____
10. I am sorry I don't have time to come and help you with your homework.
I wish I _____

