

# UNIT 8 CELEBRATIONS

## VOCABULARY

1. agrarian (a) /ə'grerɪən/ : (thuộc) nghề nông
2. apricot blossom (n) ['eiprɪkɒt 'blɒsəm] : hoa mai  
→ peach blossom (n) [pi:tʃ] : hoa đào
3. comment (n, v) ['kɒmənt] : lời nhận xét  
→ make comments  
→ commentary (n) /'kɒməntri/ : bài bình luận
4. positive (a) ['pɒzətɪv] : tích cực  
→ positive comments
5. fat (a, n) : mập, mỡ  
→ fatty (a) : nhiều mỡ  
→ fatty pork (n) : mỡ heo
6. kumquat tree (n) ['kʌmkwɒt tri:] : cây quất vàng
7. lucky money (n) : tiền lì xì
8. pagoda (n) [pə'goudə] : ngôi chùa
9. pray (for sth) (v) [prei] : cầu nguyện  
→ prayer (n) : lời cầu nguyện
10. preparation (n) [,prepə'reiʃn] : sự chuẩn bị  
→ prepare (v) : chuẩn bị  
→ (un)prepared (a) + **to V/for sth** /pri'peəd/ : sẵn sàng
11. spread (v) [spred] : kéo dài
12. sticky rice (n) : nếp
13. wish (n, v) /wɪʃ/ : lời chúc  
→ wish to do sth  
→ exchange wishes
14. celebrate (v) /'seləbreɪt/ : chúc mừng, kỉ niệm  
→ celebration (n) : lễ kỉ niệm, sự chúc mừng  
→ celebrity (n) /sɪ'lebrəti/ : người nổi tiếng  
→ celebrated (a) /'selɪbreɪtɪd/ = famous
15. grand (a) /grænd/ : quan trọng, uy nghi
16. excite (v) /ɪk'saɪt/ : làm hào hứng, thú vị

→ excited (a) /ɪk'saɪtɪd/ **about** : hào hứng  
 → (un)exciting (a) /ɪk'saɪtɪŋ/ : khiến cho hào hứng  
 → excitement (n) /ɪk'saɪtmənt/ : sự náo động, hứng khởi

17. build up = become great or large in number

18. decorate (v) /'dekəreɪt/ : trang trí  
 → decorate sth (with sth)  
 → decoration (n) /,dekə'reɪʃən/

19. influence (n,v) /'ɪnfluəns/ : ảnh hưởng  
 → have an influence on sth  
 → influential (a) /,ɪnflu'ensfl/

20. a great deal of + danh từ không đếm được

21. goods (n) /gʊdz/ : hàng hóa

22. tradition (n) /trə'dɪʃn/ : truyền thống  
 → traditional (a) -ly

23. on the first day of the year

24. on the days of Tet

25. various (a) -ly /'veriəs/ : đa dạng  
 → variety (n) /və'raɪəti/  
 → vary (n) 'veri/ : thay đổi, khác  
 → a variety of + danh từ số nhiều

26. candy (n) : kẹo  
 → candied (a) /'kæn.dɪd/ : ngào đường  
 → candied fruit : mứt

27. be full of sth

28. ripe (a) /raɪp/ : chín (trái cây)

29. entertain (n) /,entər'teɪn/ : giải trí  
 → entertainment (n) : sự giải trí  
 → entertaining (a) : có tính giải trí  
 → entertainer (n) /,entər'teɪnər/ : người làm trò, làm giải trí

## WORD FORMS

1. The ending of the war is not a cause for \_\_\_\_\_, but rather for regret that it ever happened. (**celebrate**)

2. Let's buy some champagne in \_\_\_\_\_ of her safe arrival. (**celebrate**)

3. People waited outside the cinema for the chance to see some \_\_\_\_\_. (**celebrate**)

4. Van Gogh, perhaps Holland's most \_\_\_\_\_ artist, died in poverty. (**celebrate**)

5. When we got home, Stephano was busy \_\_\_\_\_ dinner. (**prepare**)

6. He is practising every day, in \_\_\_\_\_ for the ice-skating championship. (**prepare**)

7. Luckily, we were well \_\_\_\_\_ for the storm. (**prepare**)

8. I found the talk both informative and \_\_\_\_\_. (**entertain**)

9. Barbecues are a favourite way of \_\_\_\_\_. (**entertain**)

10. There is a wide \_\_\_\_\_ of patterns to choose from. (**vary**)

11. He has been \_\_\_\_\_ described as a hero, a genius and a bully. (**vary**)

12. She took the job for \_\_\_\_\_ reasons. (**vary**)

13. There's a \_\_\_\_\_ in our family that we have a party on New Year's Eve. (**traditional**)

14. She is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ figures in local politics. (**influence**)

15. What exactly is the \_\_\_\_\_ of television on children? (**influence**)

16. They \_\_\_\_\_ the room with flowers and balloons for Mary's last birthday. (**decoration**)

17. He sat by the phone, \_\_\_\_\_ it would ring. (**wish**)

18. It's no use \_\_\_\_\_ for the impossible. (**wish**)

19. The good fairy granted her three \_\_\_\_\_. (**wish**)

20. They waited and waited for something \_\_\_\_\_ to happen. (**excite**)

## PRACTICE TEST

**I. Mark the word which is stressed differently from that of the rest.**

|    |                |                |                  |                |
|----|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | A. decorate    | B. pagoda      | C. relative      | D. calendar    |
| 2. | A. celebration | B. traditional | C. entertainment | D. preparation |
| 3. | A. between     | B. banner      | C. colour        | D. special     |
| 4. | A. celebrate   | B. represent   | C. influence     | D. ancestry    |

5. A. spiritual      B. watermelon      C. stimulating      D. longevity

**II. Mark the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest.**

|                        |                    |                     |                     |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A. <u>listened</u>  | B. <u>liked</u>    | C. <u>watched</u>   | D. <u>stopped</u>   |
| 2. A. <u>elephant</u>  | B. <u>event</u>    | C. <u>engineer</u>  | D. <u>let</u>       |
| 3. A. <u>celebrate</u> | B. <u>constant</u> | C. <u>influence</u> | D. <u>except</u>    |
| 4. A. <u>stage</u>     | B. <u>page</u>     | C. <u>cake</u>      | D. <u>tablet</u>    |
| 5. A. <u>observe</u>   | B. <u>solemn</u>   | C. <u>sleigh</u>    | D. <u>fireworks</u> |

**III. Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.**

- On Christmas Eve children go to bed full \_\_\_\_\_ excitement.  
A. of      B. with      C. up      D. in
- In Britain and America, it is \_\_\_\_\_ for everybody to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' on New Year's Eve.  
A. tradition      B. traditional      C. traditionally      D. traditionalism
- Children are always \_\_\_\_\_ about Tet holiday.  
A. excited      B. interested      C. keen      D. concerned
- Shopping malls are decorated for Christmas from September, \_\_\_\_\_ most people do not do their Christmas shopping until December.  
A. though      B. because      C. so      D. so that
- The number of students who knew the answer to the last question on the exam \_\_\_\_\_ very low.  
A. were      B. was      C. have been      D. has been
- A number of students \_\_\_\_\_ in intensive language programs abroad nowadays.  
A. participated      B. has participated      C. have participated      D. is participating
- On the first day of Tet, children \_\_\_\_\_ their new clothes and make New Year's wishes to their parents.  
A. take on      B. pick on      C. put on      D. try on
- People believed that what they do on the first day of the year will \_\_\_\_\_ their luck during the whole year.  
A. control      B. influence      C. exchange      D. result
- The holiday nowadays is not as long as it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. is used to be      B. was used to be      C. used to be      D. is used to being
- \_\_\_\_\_ in this museum \_\_\_\_\_ to the mayor, who is a very rich and generous man.

A. Everything – belong      B. Everyone – belong  
C. Everything – belongs      D. Everyone – belongs

11. I looked everywhere but I couldn't find \_\_\_\_\_ at all.  
A. no one      B. anyone      C. someone      D. somebody

12. Nobody was late for the meeting last night, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. wasn't he      B. weren't they      C. were they      D. was he

13. If you look at the \_\_\_\_\_, you will see that the Lunar New Year Day falls on the first of February.  
A. comment      B. fireworks      C. calendar      D. offer

14. Without these \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers, today's ceremony wouldn't have been a great success.  
A. energy      B. energetic      C. energise      D. energetically

15. I'd like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ for my girlfriend's birthday next week.  
A. something nice      B. nice something      C. anything nice      D. nice anything

16. I felt sorry for myself. If I \_\_\_\_\_ better, I wouldn't have failed the geography class last week.  
A. prepare      B. had prepared      C. prepared      D. would prepare

17. No girl should have to wear school uniform, because it \_\_\_\_\_ like a sack of potatoes.  
A. makes them look      B. makes her look  
C. makes them to look      D. makes her to look

18. I phoned Sarah at home, but \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. there were no answers      B. there were no answer  
C. there was no answers      D. there was no answer

19. Everyone wins a prize \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. unless they complete the race      B. as long as they complete the race  
C. if they completed the race      D. provided that they completed the race

20. A lot of things \_\_\_\_\_ to the house before we can move in.  
A. need be doing      B. need to be done      C. need being done      D. need to do

21. Scientists \_\_\_\_\_ a carefully controlled experiment on the mystery virus.  
A. turned over      B. put up      C. carried out      D. set in

**IV. Mark the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. We really appreciate your help, without which we couldn't have got our task done in time.

A. feel thankful for    B. deprecate    C. require    D. are proud of

2. Many plant and animal species will be in danger if we don't take any actions to protect them.

A. in advance    B. at ease    C. on purpose    D. at stake

**V. Mark the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. It's been a difficult time but, on the positive side, I feel physically fine.

A. effective    B. practical    C. negative    D. useful

2. There was no news and we were prepared for the worst

A. unready    B. qualified    C. willing    D. planned

**VI. Choose the underlined part in each sentence that needs correction.**

1. Special education is intended help both handicapped and gifted children to reach their learning potentials.

2. About 60 per cent of the people questioned wants cars to be banned from the town center.

3. There's hardly no sugar left, so we must get some when we go shopping.

4. My shoes were so uncomfortable that I had to go out and buy new one.

5. Mrs. Stevens, along with her cousins from New Mexico, are planning to attend the festivities.

**VII. Mark the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

1. "Report yourself to the police and you'll get lighter penalty," John told his brother.

A. John asked his brother to give up himself to the police.

B. John threatened his brother to report himself to the police.

C. John promised his brother a report of himself to the police.

D. John persuaded his brother to report himself to the police.

2. The student was very bright. He could solve all the math problems.

A. He was such bright student that he could solve all the math problems.

B. The student was very bright that he could solve all the math problems.

C. He was so bright a student that he could solve all the math problems.

D. Such bright was the student that he could solve all the math problems.

**VIII. Mark the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.**