

## PRACTICE TEST- UNIT 1: HOME LIFE

**Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.**

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| 1. A. sacrific <u>e</u> d | B. finish <u>e</u> d | C. fix <u>e</u> d    | D. seiz <u>e</u> d |
| 2. A. s <u>e</u> at       | B. l <u>e</u> ave    | C. incre <u>a</u> se | D. r <u>e</u> ady  |
| 3. A. f <u>a</u> ce       | B. b <u>a</u> ck     | C. t <u>a</u> ke     | D. s <u>a</u> ve   |

**Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others.**

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| 4. A. household | B. parent     | C. mother      | D. attempt   |
| 5. A. important | B. supportive | C. mischievous | D. expensive |

**Identify the one underlined word or phrase - A, B, C or D that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.**

6. My brothers love joining my dad in to mend things around the house at weekends.  
 A. joining                      B. to mend                      C. around                      D. at weekends.
7. Computers are often used to control, adjustment, and correct complex industrial operations.  
 A. often used                      B. adjustment                      C. correct                      D. industrial
8. The spokesman had an uphill struggle to find an explanation that was readily intelligent to the layman.  
 A. spokesman                      B. uphill                      C. intelligent                      D. layman

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

9. Our parents join hands to give us a nice house and a happy home.  
 A. work together                      B. shake hands                      C. refuse                      D. agree
10. Teachers are under increasing pressure to work longer hours.  
 A. strain                      B. control                      C. suspicion                      D. repair

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.**

11. Nam and Mai are having a party at Nam's house.  
 - Nam: "Would you like to have some more dessert, Mai?" - Mai: "\_\_\_\_\_. I'm full."  
 A. That would be great                      B. Yes, I like your party  
 C. Yes, please                      D. No, thanks
12. Tim and Peter had a quarrel last week and now Tom is giving Tim advice.  
 - Tom: "I think the best way to solve that problem is to keep silent."  
 - Tim: "\_\_\_\_\_. Silence may kill our friendship."  
 A. That's a great idea                      B. That's not a good idea  
 C. I'm not wrong                      D. Yes, I think much

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part.**

13. In some cities you don't feel safe going out alone at night.  
 A. secure                      B. dangerous                      C. active                      D. delighted
14. It's quite disappointing that some people still turn a blind eye to acts of injustice they witness in the street.  
 A. take no notice of                      B. have no feeling for  
 C. show respect for                      D. pay attention to

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

15. The rescuers \_\_\_\_\_ for their bravery and fortitude in locating the lost mountain climbers.  
 A. were praised                      B. praised                      C. were praising                      D. praising

16. Many graffiti \_\_\_\_\_ without the permission of the owner of the wall.  
A. are writing      B. are written      C. is writing      D. is written
17. If I \_\_\_\_\_ a wallet in the street, I'd take it to the police.  
A. find      B. found      C. will find      D. would find
18. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the same problems you had as a child, I might not have succeeded in life as well as you have.  
A. have      B. would have      C. had had      D. should have
19. Jane needs \_\_\_\_\_ another job. Her present company is going out of business.  
A. find      B. finding      C. to find      D. to finding
20. I was just beginning \_\_\_\_\_ asleep when the phone rang.  
A. falling      B. to fall      C. having fallen      D. to have fallen

**Read the passage and word best fits each space.**

The United States has many different types of families. While most American families are traditional, (21)\_\_\_\_\_ a father, a mother and one or more children, 22 percent of all American families in 1998 were headed by one parent, usually a woman. In a few families in the United States, there are no children. These (22) \_\_\_\_\_ couples may believe that they would not make good parents; they may want freedom from responsibilities of childbearing; or, perhaps they (23)\_\_\_\_\_ physically able to have children. Other families in the United States have one adult (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a stepparent. A stepmother or stepfather is a person who joins a family by marrying a father or a mother.

Americans tolerate and accept these different types of families. In the United States people have right to privacy and Americans do not believe in telling other Americans what type of family group they must belong to. They respect each other's choices regarding family groups. Families are very important (25)\_\_\_\_\_ Americans.

21. A. consist of      B. consisting of      C. consisting      D. including of  
22. A. childish      B. childlike      C. childless      D. childhood  
23. A. are not      B. can't      C. couldn't      D. weren't  
24. A. who is      B. is      C. which is      D. which has  
25. A. for      B. of      C. in      D. to

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

The nuclear family, consisting of a mother, father, and their children, may be more an American ideal than an American reality. Of course, the so-called traditional American family was always more varied than we had been led to believe, reflecting the very different racial, ethnic, class, and religious customs among different American groups, but today the diversity is even more obvious.

The most recent government statistics reveal that only about one third of all current American families fit the traditional mold of two parents and their children, and another third consists of married couples who either have no children or have none still living at home. Of the final one third, about 20 percent of the total number of American households are single people, usually women over sixty-five years of age. A small percentage, about 3 percent of the total, consists of unmarried people who choose to live together; and the rest, about 7 percent, are single parents, with at least one child.

There are several reasons for the growing number of single-parent households. First, the number of births to unmarried women has increased dramatically. In addition, a substantial number of adults become single parents as a result of divorce. Finally, a small percentage of deaths result in single-parent families. Today, these varied family types are typical, and therefore, normal.

In addition, close friends have become a more important part of family life than ever before. The vast majority of Americans claim that they have people in their lives whom they regard as family although they are not related. A view of family that only accepts the traditional nuclear arrangement not only

ignores the reality of modern American family life, but also undervalues the familiar bonds created in alternative family arrangements. Apparently, many Americans are achieving supportive relationships in family forms other than the traditional one.

(From Barron's TOEFL)

26. The passage mainly discusses \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the family types which are better than the traditional one  
B. the traditional family types in modern American society  
C. the nuclear family compared with new family types  
D. the family types in the American society today
27. It can be inferred from the passage that the American nuclear family \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. consists of only 4 people – two parents and their children  
B. counts half of the American families these days  
C. is not as traditional as it should be  
D. has more customs than other kinds of family
28. According to the passage, nuclear families represent about \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 30 percent of households  
B. 20 percent of households  
C. 27 percent of households  
D. 33 percent of households
29. According to the passage, the number of one-member families is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. lower than that of nuclear families  
B. the same as that of single-parent families  
C. the smallest compared with other kinds of family  
D. the highest compared with other kinds of family
30. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a cause for the growing number of single-parent families?  
A. High divorce rate  
B. Births to unmarried women  
C. Moving for jobs  
D. Deaths

## **B. WRITING**

### **I- Supply the correct tense or form of the verb in brackets.**

1. Peter and I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the exercise at this time last night.
2. By this time tomorrow, I (finish) \_\_\_\_\_ the project.
3. Try to avoid (be) \_\_\_\_\_ late.
4. You must tell me the truth. I insist on (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

### **II- Fill in EACH blank with ONE suitable word.**

1. Dad is always willing to give a \_\_\_\_\_ with cleaning the house.
2. My mother works \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse in a big hospital.
3. We often share our feelings, and whenever problems come \_\_\_\_\_, we discuss them frankly and find solutions quickly.
4. My mother is always the first one to get up in the morning to make \_\_\_\_\_ that we leave home for school having eaten breakfast and dressed in suitable clothes.

### **III- Supply the correct form of the word in brackets.**

1. My father is a \_\_\_\_\_ (biology).
2. We always feel \_\_\_\_\_ (safely) and secure in our family.

3. She takes the \_\_\_\_\_ (responsible) for running the household.  
4. I am now in my final year at the secondary school, and in my attempt \_\_\_\_\_ ( win) a place at university.

**VI- Rewrite each of the these sentences so that its meaning will remain unchanged.**

1. About thirty million people are watching this programme.  
→ This programme \_\_\_\_\_  
2. It is said that three men were arrested after the explosion  
→ Three men \_\_\_\_\_  
3. I haven't seen that man here before.  
→ It's \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Lucy hasn't worn that dress since Barbara 's wedding.  
→ The last .....  
5. Mary didn't wear the raincoat. She got a cold.  
→ If \_\_\_\_\_  
6. The only thing that makes this job worthwhile is the money.  
→ Were \_\_\_\_\_  
7. I'm quite happy to look after the baby for you.  
→ I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_  
8. It is pointless to have that old typewriter repaired.  
→ That old typewriter is not \_\_\_\_\_