

UNIT 1

TASK 1. Read the text below and think of the word which fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

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Doing housework is considered a woman's duty in many cultures. The mother is usually the (1) _____, who has to do most of the household chores, while the father is the breadwinner, who is responsible for earning money. However, it is not good for the mother when the rest of the family does not help out. When families (2) _____ household chores, it is good for all the relationships within the family.

Children who share the (3) _____ with their mums and dads do better at school, become more sociable, and have better relationships with their teachers and friends. When everybody works together (4) _____ household chores, it creates a positive atmosphere for the family and sets a good example for the children. This is especially true if mum and dad can find a way to work well together and are not critical of each other.

TASK 2. 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.

A recent study shows that an unequal share of household chores is still the norm in many households (1) _____ many more women now have jobs. In a survey of 1,256 people aged between 18 and 65, men said they contributed an (2) _____ of 37 per cent of the total housework, while the women estimated their share to be nearly double that, at 70 per cent. This ratio was not (3) _____ by whether the woman was working or not.

When they were asked what they thought was a fair division of labour, women with jobs felt that housework should be shared equally between male and female partners. Women (4) _____ did not work outside the home were satisfied to perform 80 per cent - the majority of housework - if their husbands did the remainder. Research has shown that if levels increase beyond these percentages, women become unhappy and anxious, and feel they are unimportant.

After marriage, a woman is reported to increase her household workload by 14 hours per week, but for men the amount is just 90 minutes. So the division of labour becomes unbalanced, as the man's share increases much less than the woman's. It is the inequality and loss of respect, not the actual number of hours, which leads to (5) _____ and depression. The research even describes housework as thankless and unfulfilling.

Question 1: A. in spite of B. however C. despite D. although

Question 2: A. account B. average C. part D. expense

Question 3: A. strengthened B. prepared C. divided D. affected

Question 4: A. whom B. whose C. which D. who

Question 5: A. anxiety B. success C. pleasure D. achievement

TASK 3. Read the passage and choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Children can benefit a lot by helping out at home. Doing chores helps children learn skills they can use in their adult lives, like preparing meals, cleaning the house or doing the garden. Being involved in chores also gives children experience of relationship skills like communicating clearly or working as a team. It also allows them to feel **valued** and competent. And sharing housework can also help families work better and reduce family stress. When children help out, chores get done quicker and parents have less to do. This frees up time for the family to do fun things together. As a result, family life is more pleasant when everyone shares the chores.

It's best to start by choosing chores that work for children's ages and abilities. Getting children into the habit of doing housework can begin as young as the age of three, by asking them to put away their toys when they've done playing with them. Older children can help with setting the table, cleaning, cooking and so on.

Teenagers can help with preparing or cooking dinner, babysitting their younger siblings or shopping for groceries. However, there are some children who are motivated to do chores for pocket money. It might not be a good idea. Instead of linking chores to pocket money, parents can praise children's positive behaviours and give them small rewards like choosing the TV programmes or having a special meal.

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
 - A. Parents should teach children to do housework.
 - B. There are many advantages of children sharing housework.
 - C. There are lots of household chores that children can do.
 - D. Children can learn many skills by doing housework.
2. Sharing housework helps reduce family stress by _____.
 - A. teaching kids how to communicate clearly
 - B. helping children to grow up
 - C. allowing children to work in teams
 - D. giving family members more free time to spend together
3. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
 - A. Giving children chores can help reduce the workload for parents.
 - B. Parents should ask children to do chores that are suitable for their ages.
 - C. 3-year-old children can help parents with some simple chores.
 - D. Teenagers often do chores so they can gain life experience.
4. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
 - A. Parents shouldn't pay their kids for chores.
 - B. Only teenagers can babysit their brothers and sisters.
 - C. Parents should ask their children to share the housework when they are young.
 - D. When parents work, children have to do the household chores.
5. The word '**valued**' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. expensive
 - B. great
 - C. appreciated
 - D. costly

UNIT 2

TASK 1. Read the text below and think of the word which fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

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Water pollution due to sharply increasing urbanization and modernization is a concerning (1)_____ not only in our country but also in developing zones. Currently, many rivers are severely polluted. The first cause is industrial (2)_____. Around the world, about 70 percent of it goes directly into the river. The second cause comes from

domestic waste. Domestic garbage and sewage accounts for 80 percent of water pollution globally. Asia has the highest number of (3)_____ rivers in the world. The Red River is also a case. Nearly 250 tons of domestic waste is littered directly to the Red River. These lead to seriously contaminated water, which has negative impacts on the health of the (4)_____ people. Other alarming consequences are the destruction of marine ecosystem, lack of clean water, polluted food for farming and agriculture, and so on. We must act now to prevent water pollution for a better environment.

TASK 2. 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.

Fresh, clean water is very important to life because no one can live long without it. Yet it is one of the limited and most endangered (1) _____ resources on our planet. Water keeps the Earth green, and we can transform flowing water to electricity or energy. Our modern world has consumed a lot of water and electricity. So, what do you think will happen if water runs (2) _____? The following advice can help to reduce your water and electricity consumption at home. When you leave a room or your home, unplugging electronic devices like television, radio, computer is an easy way that is really helpful to (3) _____ electricity because these devices still consume energy even though they are off.

When you use water, you also consume energy. Turning the tap off (4) _____ you need water to rinse your hands or brush your teeth, and washing full loads of laundry instead of smaller ones can help to (5) _____ electricity and water consumption as well.

Question 1. A. valuable B. artificial C. native D. natural

Question 2. A. on B. up C. out D. at

Question 3. A. use B. save C. recycle D. make

Question 4. A. until B. when C. if D. before

Question 5. A. reuse B. recycle C. reduce D. reproduce

TASK 3. 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 questions.

The most obvious advantage of living green is that it helps reduce environmental pollution. This is done by practicing the 3Rs. The first R means choosing products very carefully to reduce waste as much as possible. Reusing involves the repeated use of items. The third R is about separating materials that can be recycled and later used for a new purpose.

There are also economic benefits to living green. Reducing the use of energy and water can help save money on household bills. Furthermore, reusing products and materials is another way to make saving. **It** helps save on production costs since creating new products wastes materials and is expensive. Recycled products also last longer than new ones, making them a better and more eco-friendly option.

Lastly, going green offers health benefits. It reduces air pollutants by making the air we breathe cleaner and healthier. This means fewer diseases and doctor's appointments. Another way to improve your health is to **purchase** organic foods and green products for your household. They don't use harmful chemicals that can lead to health issues. In turn, you are also supporting responsible farming methods that protect the environment.

Question 1: What is the main idea of the text?

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| A. The pros of a green lifestyle. | B. Difficulties in adopting a green lifestyle. |
| C. Trends in green living. | D. Going green offers health benefits |

Question 2. Which of the following is NOT given in the text as a benefit of living green?

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| A. health benefit | B. economic benefit |
| C. community benefit | D. environmental benefit |

Question 4. A. surprising B. interested C. disappointed D. impressed

Question 5. A. talented B. powerful C. noisy D. relaxed

TASK 3. 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 questions.

Ca Trù is an ancient genre of singing in the North of Vietnam. It dates back to the 11th century. In the 13th century, during the Ly Dynasty, it was officially recognized as a form of entertainment for the royal court. In the 15th century, Ca Trù was popularized and spread throughout northern Vietnam. But it was not until the 20th century well-known to the world thanks to the voice of the famous singer Quách Thị Hồ. Ca Trù is a sophisticated art of sung poetry. Its lyrics are poems. The special thing about it is that it can fit any types of poems, no matter long or short. This feature makes Ca Trù a unique performance art. And unlike modern music, Ca Trù has its own system of music notation and space. A typical performance of Ca Trù often consists of at least three performers. The singer is always a woman. She both sings and plays the clappers (known as *phách*), an instrument made of wood or bamboo that is beaten with two wooden sticks. A male musician accompanies the singer on a three-stringed lute (known as *đàn đáy*) and a drummer who makes the strong sounds of a praise drum. The singer needs to learn to play *phách* before learning the vocal method, and it takes from three to ten years to master the vocal and the *phách* techniques. In 2009, Ca Trù was honorably declared as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the UNESCO. Today, there are about 14 clubs of Ca Trù, spreading from the north to the south of Vietnam. However, because of modern forms of entertainment, Ca Trù is not favoured by the young generations and is gradually losing its fans.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - A. How to perform Ca Trù
 - B. How Ca Trù became an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
 - C. The history of Vietnamese traditional music
 - D. Ca Trù – a Vietnamese traditional type of music
2. When did Ca Trù first appear?
 - A. the 11th century B. the 13th century
 - C. the 15th century D. During the Ly Dynasty
3. What makes Ca Trù unique?
 - A. It is performed for the royal people.
 - B. It has different system of music notation and space.
 - C. It's a combination of poems and singing.
 - D. It is listed as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
4. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
 - A. Singer Quách Thị Hồ made Ca Trù popular nationwide.
 - B. There are always three performers in Ca Trù performances.

- C. The singer has to learn to sing first, then to play *phách*.
 D. Ca Trù is losing its popularity.
5. The word ‘**accompanies**’ is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. go to a place with someone else
 B. play a musical instrument while someone is singing
 C. be in the same team with someone
 D. appear at the same time with someone

ERROR IDENTIFICATION

TASK 1. 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.

Question 1. She often has a big breakfast but today she has only a glass of milk.

- A. often B. but C. has D. a glass of

Question 2. They help with her homework at the moment, so I will ask them about this later.

- A. help B. homework C. so D. will ask

Question 3. He usually visit her at weekends but now he is staying in bed because of his severe illness.

- A. visit B. is staying C. at weekend D. severe

Question 4. Jenny often wears jeans and T-shirt at school but she puts on a gorgeous dress today.

- A. wears B. but C. at D. puts on

Question 5. He will go to the theatre tonight. He has got a free ticket.

- A. will go B. the C. has D. free

Question 6. We have already made the decision. We will buy a new house for my parents.

- A. for B. the C. will D. made

Question 7. Look at the dark clouds in the sky. It will rain soon.

- A. clouds B. will rain C. the sky D. at

Question 8. I'd like to go to the party, or I'm too busy.

- A. like B. to C. or D. busy

Question 9. You can book the tickets online but you can buy them at the stadium ticket office.

- A. book B. but C. them D. the

Question 10. Anna is an amazing dancer, but her parents are proud of her.

- A. Is B. but C. parents D. of

TASK 2. Rewrite the following sentences, using the passive voice

Question 1. Pollution affects the environment in many ways.

→ The environment _____

Question 2. Americans use around 100 billion plastic bags each year.

→ Around 100 billion plastic bags _____

Question 3. In the UK, people throw away two billion kilograms of clothes every year.

→ Two billion kilograms of clothes _____

Question 4. Six designers made the clothes in the show.

→ The clothes _____

Question 5. The local people planted more trees in the neighborhood last week.

→ More trees _____

Question 6. The club's activities will raise people's awareness of environmental issues.

→ People's awareness of environmental issues _____

Question 7. The students are watering the flowers in the schoolyard.

→ The flowers _____

Question 8. My father waters this flower every morning.

→ This flower _____

Question 9. John gave Mary a new hat on her birthday last week.

→ Mary _____

Question 10. My mother cleans up the house every day.

→ The house _____

USE OF ENGLISH

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

Question 1. Doing housework brings great _____ to children as it helps them develop necessary life skills.

A. benefits B. opinions C. results D. demands

Question 2. Children need to learn to _____ care of other family members.

A. bring B. have C. take D. give

Question 3. When all members of the family share housework, the family _____ will become stronger.

A. joys B. happiness C. life D. bonds

Question 4. My responsibility in my family is to _____ all the laundry.

A. make B. get C. do D. wash

Question 5. We shouldn't drop _____ in the street because this will make the street dirty.

A. litter B. electricity C. carbon footprint D. energy

Question 6. I usually buy _____ vegetables at the local market because I think it's better for my health.

A. organic B. non-organic C. poisonous D. wealthy

Question 7. The club hopes to _____ public awareness of the environmental issues.

A. cause B. raise C. bring D. rise

Question 8. He'd better be here soon, _____ we will leave without him.

A. for B. yet C. so D. or

Question 9. Her room was a mess, _____ she was too tired to clean it.

A. and B. so C. but D. nor

Question 10. When he was a teenager, he _____ at the local theatre in his home town during the tourist season.

- A. performed B. attracted C. decided D. amused

Question 11. Our music teacher has been invited to be a _____ in many music competitions and talent shows.

- A. winner B. competitor C. contestant D. judge

Question 12. The _____ cheered loudly when the singers came out on the stage.

- A. watcher B. officer C. audience D. public

Question 13. Doing housework helps children learn to _____ responsibility.

- A. take B. make C. plan D. damage

Question 14. The man is a talented artist who can write music and play many _____ instruments.

- A. live B. talented C. musical D. human

Question 15. In many American households, the husband is the breadwinner since the wife needs to stay at home and take care _____ the children.

- A. about B. of C. on D. with

Question 16. How can we _____ people's awareness of these environmental problems?

- A. raise B. adopt C. estimate D. reduce

Question 17. Using your own _____ bottle also helps to make our environment greener.

- A. sustainable B. global C. refillable D. electrical

Question 18. Don't waste electricity. Turn _____ all the lights when you don't use them.

- A. out B. down C. on D. off

Question 19. My mother made me _____ at home at night.

- A. staying B. to stay C. stayed D. stay

Question 20. This educational app can let students _____ English.

- A. learn B. learning C. to learn D. to learning