

GLOBAL SUCCESS 8

UNIT 2: LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

PART I

LISTENING (1.25 pts)

Listen to a talk about a student's summer holiday in the countryside. Choose the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen twice.

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. A school farming project B. A summer holiday in a countryside village C. A weekend trip to a mountain resort

2. Where did Linh stay during her holiday?

- A. At a friend's house B. At a hotel near a lake C. At her grandparents' farm

3. What did Linh help the farmers do during harvest time?

- A. Load rice onto a truck B. Plant fruit trees C. Build a new cottage

4. What did Linh usually do in the evening?

- A. She watched television alone. B. She went fishing with her uncle. C. She played traditional games with village children.

5. What did Linh like most about the village?

- A. The modern machines
B. The friendly people and peaceful way of life
C. The busy roads and large shops

PART II

PRONUNCIATION (1.0 pt)

Task 1. Choose the word whose bold part is pronounced differently from the others.

6. A. garden B. **ab**out C. vill**ag**e D. hospit**ab**le
7. A. **pick** B. vill**ag**e C. **bus**y D. r**ic**e

Task 2. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the others.

8. A. hospital B. collect C. un**load** D. har**vest**er
9. A. catt**le** B. vill**ag**e C. un**load** D. har**vest**

PART III

LANGUAGE USE (2.5 pts)

Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence.

10. The farmers are working in a large _____ near the river.

- A. cottage B. paddy field C. resort D. orchard

11. A large _____ of cattle was moving slowly along the road.

- A. crop B. poultry C. herd D. harvest

12. After the truck arrived, the workers _____ the bags of rice.

- A. unloaded B. surrounded C. collected D. ploughed

13. Life in the countryside often moves _____ than life in the city.

- A. slow B. slowest C. more slow D. more slowly

14. A horse can usually run _____ than a buffalo.

- A. more fast B. faster C. fastest D. more faster
15. The farmers must operate the combine harvester _____ than before.
- A. careful B. most carefully C. more carefully D. more careful
16. After practising every day, Mai can milk the cows _____ than last week.
- A. better B. well C. best D. more well

PART III**LANGUAGE USE – continued (2.5 pts)**

17. Choose the best response to complete the dialogue.

Nam: “Your photo of the paddy fields is wonderful!”

Mai: “_____”

Nam: “The colours are really beautiful.”

- A. Never mind.
B. I don’t think so.
C. That’s all right.
D. Thank you. I’m glad you like it.

Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original one.

18. People in the city usually travel faster than people in the countryside.

- A. People in the countryside travel as fast as city people.
B. People in the countryside usually travel more slowly than city people.
C. City people never travel quickly.
D. Country people travel faster than city people.

19. Mai dances more beautifully than Hoa.

- A. Mai and Hoa dance equally beautifully.
B. Mai does not dance as beautifully as Hoa.
C. Hoa does not dance as beautifully as Mai.
D. Hoa dances more beautifully than Mai.

PART IV**PRACTICAL SKILLS (1.0 pt)**

Task 1. Look at the signs and choose the best answer.

20. What must visitors do on this farm tour?



- A. Wear boots and stay with the guide.
B. Feed the animals by themselves.
C. Leave the farm before 9 a.m.
D. Bring a combine harvester.

21. What is the main message of this sign?



- A. Visitors may open the gate.
B. Animals should be fed at noon.
C. Visitors must not give food to the animals.
D. Only farmers can enter on Sundays.

Task 2. Read the notice and choose the best answer.

SUNRISE LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL**COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE DAY**

Explore Green Field Village and learn about rural life.

Activities: ploughing demonstration, feeding farm animals, drying rice, and village games

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday 12 October

Meeting point: School gate | Bring: a hat, water, and comfortable shoes

Register with Ms Hoa by Wednesday.

22. What is the main purpose of the notice?

- A. To announce a city sports competition B. To invite students to a countryside experience day
C. To recruit students for an English club D. To advertise a farm for sale

23. What must students do before taking part?

- A. Pay an entrance fee
B. Bring farm animals to school
C. Meet at the village at 6 a.m.
D. Register with Ms Hoa by Wednesday

PART V

READING (2.25 pts)

Task 1. Read the announcement and choose the correct option A, B, C, or D for each blank.

VILLAGE HARVEST DAY

Our class will visit Green Field Village during harvest time.

We will watch farmers (24) _____ rice and use a combine harvester.

Students can also learn how to (25) _____ rice and feed farm animals.

Please walk (26) _____ near the machines and listen to the guide.

The trip will help us understand why countryside people often work (27) _____ than we do.

- 24.** A. catch B. herd C. harvest D. feed
25. A. dry B. milk C. load D. plough
26. A. careful B. more careful C. care D. carefully
27. A. hard B. harder C. more hard D. hardest

Task 2. Read the text and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

Last summer, Minh spent two weeks with his grandparents in a small village in Bac Giang Province. Their house is surrounded by green paddy fields and a narrow river. Every morning, Minh got up earlier than he did in the city. He helped his grandfather feed the pigs, milk the cows, and collect eggs from the poultry yard. During harvest time, the farmers worked quickly but carefully. Minh helped them unload rice from a combine harvester and spread it in the yard to dry. In the afternoon, he caught fish with his cousins or cycled along the village road. The local people spoke more quietly and moved more slowly than city people, but they were always friendly and hospitable. Before the trip, Minh thought countryside life was boring. By the end of his holiday, he found it peaceful, picturesque, and full of interesting experiences. He hopes to return next summer.

28. Why did Minh go to the village?

- A. To join a farming competition B. To visit a new factory
C. To stay with his grandparents D. To learn snowboarding

29. What did Minh help the farmers do during harvest time?

- A. Unload and dry rice B. Plough all the fields
C. Catch poultry D. Build a cottage

30. Which statement about the farmers is correct?

- A. They worked carelessly. B. They used no machines. C. They worked more slowly than Minh. D. They worked quickly but carefully.

31. Compared with city people, the local people _____.

- A. drove faster B. spoke more quietly and moved more slowly
C. were less friendly D. worked only in the afternoon

32. How did Minh's opinion of countryside life change?

- A. He still thought it was boring.
B. He preferred the noise of the city.
C. He found it peaceful and interesting.
D. He decided never to return.

PART VI

ORDERING (0.5 pt)

Arrange the sentences to make a complete dialogue.

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- a. Thank you. I took it near my grandparents' house.
b. What a beautiful photo of the paddy field!
c. The colours are amazing, too.
d. I'm glad you like it.

- A. a - b - d - c B. b - c - a - d C. b - a - c - d D. c - b - d - a

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- a. Because the air is fresher and life is quieter.
b. What do you like about the countryside?
c. I like the peaceful atmosphere most.
d. Why do you like it?

- A. a - b - c - d B. c - b - a - d C. b - d - c - a D. b - c - d - a

PART VII

WRITING (1.5 pt)

Task 1. Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the original one. (1.0 pt)

35. People in the city travel faster than people in the countryside.

→ People in the countryside travel _____.

36. The red combine harvester works more efficiently than the old one.

→ The old combine harvester does not work _____.

37. Mai speaks more quietly than Lan.

→ Lan speaks _____.

38. This is a very picturesque village.

→ What _____ !

Task 2. Write a paragraph of 80-100 words about a countryside place you know or have visited. (0.5 pt)

In your paragraph, you should:

- say where the place is and when you visited or learnt about it
- describe its activities, scenery, and local people
- explain what you like or dislike about life there

39. A countryside place I know

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Part I. Listening – Questions 1–5

Hướng dẫn đọc: Cho học sinh 30 giây đọc câu hỏi. Đọc bài hai lần với tốc độ tự nhiên; nghỉ khoảng 5 giây giữa các câu hỏi. Sau lần đọc thứ hai, cho học sinh 30 giây kiểm tra đáp án.

Last summer, I spent two wonderful weeks in Green Field Village in Bac Giang Province. At first, my parents thought about booking a hotel near a lake, but in the end I stayed at my grandparents' farm. It was harvest time, so everyone was busy. In the mornings, I helped feed the poultry and collect eggs. Later, I joined the farmers and helped load bags of rice onto a truck. I wanted to plant some fruit trees, but there was no time. In the afternoons, I sometimes cycled beside the paddy fields. My uncle invited me to go fishing in the evenings, but I usually played traditional games with the village children. The combine harvester was impressive, but the best part of the trip was meeting friendly, hospitable people and enjoying the peaceful way of life. I hope to return next summer.

Listening key: 1B – 2C – 3A – 4C – 5B

ANSWER KEY

SECTION	ANSWERS
PART I. LISTENING	1B, 2C, 3A, 4C, 5B
PART II. PHONETICS	6C, 7D, 8D, 9C
PART III. LANGUAGE USE	10B, 11C, 12A, 13D, 14B, 15C, 16A, 17D, 18B, 19C
PART IV. PRACTICAL SKILLS	20A, 21C, 22B, 23D
PART V. READING	24C, 25A, 26D, 27B, 28C, 29A, 30D, 31B, 32C
PART VI. ORDERING	33C, 34D

WRITING KEY AND SAMPLE PARAGRAPH

- 35.** People in the countryside travel more slowly than people in the city.
- 36.** The old combine harvester does not work as efficiently as the red one.
- 37.** Lan speaks more loudly than Mai.
- 38.** What a picturesque village this is!

39. Sample paragraph (about 90 words)

Last summer, I visited my grandparents' village in Bac Giang Province. The village is surrounded by green paddy fields and a small river. Every morning, farmers feed their animals and work in the fields. During harvest time, they use a combine harvester and dry rice in large yards. The local people are friendly and hospitable, and life there is quieter than life in the city. I especially like cycling along the village roads and playing traditional games with my cousins. However, there are not many shops or entertainment centres.

TEACHER NOTES – CORRECTIONS APPLIED

- Question 8: changed “hospital” to “hospitable” so the stress question has one clear answer.
- Question 16: revised the comparison to “better than she could last week”.
- Question 20: revised the question and answer to match the safety-boots sign.
- Question 27 and the reading comparison: narrowed the context to avoid overgeneralising countryside residents.