

UNIT 1: FAMILY LIFE-KEYS

PRACTICE

LISTENING

I. Complete the notes below. Write ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

- 19
- Spanish
- camping
- kids
- exception

II. Listen to the recording and choose the correct letter A, B, C.

1. What does the boy want to do at the beginning of the conversation?
A. play video games B. go play outside C. watch TV
2. What is one thing the boy is **NOT** assigned to do around the house?
A. clean the garage B. wash the walls C. vacuum the floors
3. What does the boy have to do in his bedroom?
A. make his bed B. pick up his dirty clothes C. put away his books
4. The father and son will go ____ after the boy finishes his work.
A. to a movie B. out to eat C. to a ball game
5. What is the father going to do while the boy is doing his household chores?
A. wash the car B. paint the house C. work in the yard

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II. Choose the correct letter, A, B, or C.

Son: Dad. Can I go outside to play?

Dad: Well, did you get your Saturday's work done?

Son: Ah, Dad. Do I have to?

Dad: Well, you know the rules. No playing until the work is done.

Son: So, what is my work?

Dad: Well, first you have to clean the bathroom including the toilet. And don't forget to **scrub** the bathtub.

Son: No, I want to do the family room.

Dad: Well, okay, but you have to vacuum the family room and the hall, and be sure to **dust** everything. Oh, and don't forget to wipe the walls and clean the **baseboards**. [*Okay.*] And after that. [*Oh, no.*] Next, **sweep** and mop the kitchen floor and be sure to polish the table in the living room.

Son: Okay. Okay.

Dad: And make your bed and pick up all your toys and put them away. And . . .

Son: More?

Dad: Yeah. And then, how about going out for lunch and getting a big milkshake, but . . . yeah . . . you probably don't want to do that.

Son: No, No. I want to.

Dad: Okay. While you're doing your work, I'll be out in the yard **raking** leaves and pulling weeds

10. It's always _____ to learn from your mistakes because then your mistakes seem worthwhile.
 A. help B. helpfully C. unhelpful **D. helpful**
11. Please _____ the dishes with the soapy water containing disinfectant.
 A. mop **B. wash** C. vacuum D. sweep
12. We specifically choose topics that will appeal to _____ who are between 13 and 19 years old.
A. teenagers B. adults C. seniors D. women
13. It looked so funny that I almost laughed _____ loud.
 A. off B. with **C. out** D. up
14. Bob: "Tell me about your sister."
 Kelvin: "She's _____. Because she always shares food with me."
 A. selfish **B. generous** C. intelligent D. lazy
15. Three of us sweep and mop the _____ and the remainder clean the window.
 A. dish B. sink C. table **D. floor**
16. Except _____ traffic noise the night passed peacefully.
A. for B. from C. with D. of
17. He put _____ a whole box of chocolates in one evening.
 A. off B. up **C. away** D. for
18. RM wrote _____ fun for many years before starting to write seriously for a living.
 A. in **B. for** C. with D. on
19. Marriage is the bloom or blight of all men's _____.
 A. happy B. happily C. unhappy **D. happiness**
20. Supporting each other in good times and in bad is an effective way to strengthen family _____.
A. relationships B. chores C. conversations D. money

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

1. It is a silly fish that is caught twice with the same bait.
 A. every day **B. two times** C. each week D. one time
2. Though very intelligent, she is nevertheless rather modest.
 A. ugly B. beautiful C. generous **D. smart**

V. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. The suitcase was light to carry, being empty except for two shirts.
 A. apart from **B. including** C. rather than D. regardless of
2. Compared with Sana, I really was a hard working girl, but usually I got lower marks than her.
 A. clever B. shy **C. lazy** D. reliable

VI. 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.

1. The police hasn't found up who set fire to the storehouse.
 A. hasn't **B. up -> find out** C. set D. storehouse
2. I think I've been very selfless. I've been mainly concerned with myself.
 A. been **B. selfless -> selfish** C. mainly D. myself
3. He slipped out during a pause in the conversational.
 A. slipped B. during C. pause **D. conversational**
 -> conversation

B. READING

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Family is one of the building blocks of _____, and so its structure and role reflect social changes. Over the past 30 years, the traditional family unit has evolved significantly. Right now there isn't a single concept of family that applies universally. But although family structure may have changed, its _____ has not. In fact, there are many reasons _____ family is important for happiness.

Sure, we can't choose our "blood" family. In _____ cases, family interactions are a mix of great and not-so-great experiences. _____ we can make up for that by choosing our "adopted" family members, a tribe of people who aren't related to us, but who show support and prove they're there for us so we don't feel lost in times of need.

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| 1. A. society | B. world | C. class | D. house |
| 2. A. habit | B. importance | C. appearance | D. reputation |
| 3. A. how | B. what | C. why | D. which |
| 4. A. most | B. little | C. few | D. much |
| 5. A. And | B. So | C. Or | D. But |

II. 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.

Relationships in Vietnamese family are more complicated than those of Western countries. The majority of families in Vietnam are extended families as many generations co-live to take care of each other. Family in Vietnam looks similar to a system of mini society with the most elderly having the strongest voice and taking charge of most activities in house.

Each family has its own rules and values that members are supposed to conform with. The younger generation shows respect for the older generation and vice versa, the old generation tolerates the young. In the relationships between parents and children, and between husband and wife as well, traditional Vietnamese **retain** much of their long established customs and values.

Although influenced by Confucianism, in the eyes of children, Vietnamese mothers still have the same status as their counterparts. **They** are the embodiments of love, of self-denial and of sacrifice. For Vietnamese parents, their children are their most valuable assets; therefore, within their financial capacity, most of them are eager to have as many children as they can.

- Why are most families in Vietnam living together over many generations?
A. Because they want to avoid spending the amount of money
B. Because they want to help one another easily
C. Because they don't have much money
D. Because they feel happy when living together
- The word "retain" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. maintain B. stop C. prevent D. remove
- Which of the following is not mentioned as the embodiment of Vietnamese mothers?
A. love B. sacrifice C. self-denial **D. generosity**
- The word "they" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
A. counterparts B. embodiments
C. Vietnamese mothers D. status
- According to the passage, Vietnamese parents consider their children as _____.
A. worthy properties B. goods C. kings D. princesses and princes

C. WRITING

I. Rewrite the following sentences with the same meaning of the given ones.

1. Several children are away from school *because* of illness.

-> Several **children are ill, so they are away from school.**

2. Noze wasn't feeling well. *She* went home early.

-> Because Noze **wasn't feeling well, she went home early.**

3. It isn't necessary to mop the floor twice every day.

-> You don't **need to mop the floor twice every day.**

4. All the children like music *apart from* Bobby.

-> Except **for Bobby, all the children like music.**

5. "You should wash the dishes after lunch." Lia said.

-> Lia advised **me to wash the dishes after lunch.**

6. Sweeping the floor is her favorite chore at home.

-> She likes **sweeping the floor.**

7. No one in the world is more generous than my mother.

-> My mother **is the most generous person in the world.**

8. Jackson started playing the piano 10 years ago.

-> Jackson has **played the piano for 10 years.**

9. Jennie tidied her bedroom in 2 hours.

-> It took **Jennie 2 hours to tidy her bedroom.**

10. By the time I *discovered* the problem, the floor was awash.

-> By the time I found **out the problem, the floor was awash.**

II. Write an essay of 180 words.

Living in a traditional family of three or four generations has both advantages and disadvantages. What do you think of that matter?

Suggested ideas:

+ Advantages:

- the tremendous support among members : childcare, financial difficulties
- money saving because of sharing the living space....

+ Disadvantages:

- conflict because of the generation gap
- financial burden on the breadwinner.

D. SPEAKING (IELTS FORMAT)

I. Answer the questions:

1. Do you have a large or small family?

Suggested answer:

Currently, I am living in a nuclear family which consists of 4 members: my parents, my sister and me. We really have a close-knit relationship, so whenever problems come up, we usually discuss frankly and try to come up with solutions as quickly as possible.

2. How much time do you manage to spend with members of your family?

Suggested answer:

Honestly speaking, I am studying in a boarding school for ethnic minorities, so I just spend time with my family at the weekend.

3. What sorts of things do you like to do together?

Suggested answer:

Well, whenever we have a family gathering, we usually celebrate a cosy party in the garden to enjoy the peaceful moment among members. We can prepare the party together, have a chat about our daily life or just discuss current issues.

4. Who are you close to in your family?

Suggested answer:

In my family, I get on well with my sister because we have a lot of things in common. We often share happiness as well as sorrow each other. My sister is the person who can give me some useful advice.

5. What is your special moment with your family?

Actually, the special moment of my family is New Year's Eve when all members have a chance to get together. We all set aside the trouble of the past year and hoping for a better and happier upcoming year.

II. Part 2: Ideal home

Describe the ideal home that you would like to live in. You should say what your ideal home would look like where it would be and why you would like to live there.

Suggested answer:

With the fast-paced society, most people hope to possess a modern and well-equipped house which is located in a respectable neighbourhood. However, my dream house is different and it has the following features.

It should be a humble house – a conventional one- that is clean and tranquil. Its exterior needs to be painted blue and white because it can bring a feeling of refreshment. There are at least 4 rooms for my nuclear family. Although it may be not big, it should be a comfortable and cosy place for the whole family to get together every evening.

My ideal house should be close to nature, so its location in the middle of a big garden is my favourable option.

There are several motivations behind my love for living there. It is a place where I can relieve my stress as well as recharge my battery after a stressful day. Besides, a feeling of coziness when coming back home is a factor that attracts me a lot.