

❖ **READING**

I am lucky enough to have a lot of friends. Of all my friends, Bao, Khai, and Song are the ones I spend most of my time with. Each of us, however, has a different character.

Bao is the most sociable. He is also extremely kind and generous. He spends his free time doing volunteer work at a local orphanage, and he is a hard-working student who always gets good grades.

Unlike Bao, Khai and Song are quite reserved in public. Both boys enjoy school, but they prefer to be outside the classroom. Song is our school's star soccer player, and Khai likes the peace and quiet of the local library.

I am not as outgoing as Bao, but I enjoy telling jokes. My friends usually enjoy my sense of humor. However, sometimes my jokes annoy them.

Although we have quite different characters, the four of us are very close friends.

**TASK 1: Choose the best answer and write.**

a) Ba talks about \_\_\_\_\_ of his friends.

- A. three                                      B. all                                      C. four                                      D. none

b) Bao's volunteer work \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. helps him make friends  
B. causes problems at exam time  
C. does not affect his school work  
D. takes up a lot of time

c) Khai and Song \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. like quiet places                      B. don't talk much in public                      C. dislike school                      D. enjoy sports

d) Ba's friends sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ his jokes.

- A. answer                                      B. do not listen to                                      C. laugh at                                      D. get tired of

**TASK 2: Now answer the questions.**

a) How does Ba feel having a lot of friends?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

b) Who is the most sociable?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

c) Who likes reading?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

d) What is a bad thing about Ba's jokes?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

e) Where does Bao spend his free time?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

f) Do you and your close friends have the same or different characters?

=> \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **MORE EXERCISES**

**I. Choose the suitable word and circle A, B, C or D:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is something that you say or do to make people laugh.

- A. Novel                                      B. Poem                                      C. Joke                                      D. Fairy tale

2) Hoa and Lan are in the same class \_\_\_\_\_ Hau Giang School.

- A. in                                      B. on                                      C. at                                      D. to

3) Mai doesn't talk much in public. She's rather \_\_\_\_\_ in public.

- A. silent                                      B. reserved                                      C. talkative                                      D. impolite

- 4) I \_\_\_\_\_ a letter from my old friend last week.  
A. sent                      B. gave                      C. received                      D. were
- 5) It is not polite to \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
A. orphan                      B. annoy                      C. joke                      D. straighten
- 6) We like him very much because he's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. blond                      B. curly                      C. fat                      D. generous
- 7) A lot of young men have volunteered \_\_\_\_\_ social activities.  
A. in                      B. at                      C. for                      D. about
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_. Are you Miss Van?  
A. I'm sorry                      B. Hello                      C. Certainly                      D. Excuse me
- 9) My friends usually enjoy my sense \_\_\_\_\_ humor.  
A. off                      B. of                      C. in                      D. at
- 10) Khai and Song enjoy school, \_\_\_\_\_ they prefer to be outside the classroom.  
A. and                      B. or                      C. that                      D. but
- 11) Bao spends his free time doing volunteer work, \_\_\_\_\_ he is a hard-working student.  
A. because                      B. so                      C. and                      D. then
- 12) Four of us are close friends. \_\_\_\_\_, we have different characters.  
A. however                      B. and                      C. after                      D. or
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ this picture is not beautiful, I like it.  
A. However                      B. Because                      C. Although                      D. And
- 14) He got \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. short hair black                      B. short black hair  
C. hair short black                      D. hair short black
- 15) What's Nam like? – He's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. slim                      B. dark                      C. outgoing                      D. well.

**II. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blanks space in the following passage:**

① I am lucky enough to have a lot of (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Of all my friends, Bao, Khai, and Song are the ones I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ most of my time with. Each of us, however, has a different character.

I am not as outgoing as Bao, but I enjoy (3) \_\_\_\_\_ jokes. My friends usually enjoy my sense of (4) \_\_\_\_\_. However, sometimes my jokes annoy them.

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ we have quite different characters, the four of (6) \_\_\_\_\_ are very close friends.

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|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1) A. assistants | B. teachers | C. friends    | D. orphans  |
| 2) A. spend      | B. arrange  | C. conduct    | D. transmit |
| 3) A. tell       | B. told     | C. to tell    | D. telling  |
| 4) A. humor      | B. humorous | C. humorously | D. humoror  |
| 5) A. When       | B. So       | C. Because    | D. Although |
| 6) A. I          | B. us       | C. we         | D. our      |

② Bao is the most sociable. He is also extremely kind and generous. He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ his free time doing volunteer work (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a local orphanage, and he is a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ student who always gets good grades.

Unlike Bao, Khai and Song are quite reserved in (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Both boys enjoy school, but they prefer to be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom. Song is our school's star soccer (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and Khai likes a peace and quiet of the local library.

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2) A. in        | B. at           | C. to           | D. of        |
| 3) A. hard-work | B. working-hard | C. hard-working | D. work-hard |
| 4) A. school    | B. hospital     | C. exhibition   | D. public    |
| 5) A. outside   | B. inside       | C. between      | D. behind    |
| 6) A. driver    | B. visitor      | C. writer       | D. player    |

**III. Read the passage and answer True (T) or False (F):**

Lan is my best friend. She is also my classmate. She is a sixteen-years-old girl with slender build and a fair complexion. She has long black hair and a charming oval face with big brown eyes. At school she is very studious and good at every subject. She helps me a great deal with my studies. She is simple, friendly and kind to everybody. At home she spends most of her free time looking after her little brothers and sisters and helping her mother with the housework.

We all love and respect Lan. She is a good example to us all.

1. My best friend is Lan and her age is sixteen. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lan's eyes are black and big. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lan studies very hard and well. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lan helps her mother and takes care of her sisters, brothers at home. \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Supply the correct forms of the words in parentheses:**

- 1) My friend is very warm and \_\_\_\_\_. (friend)
- 2) I like Lan because she's always \_\_\_\_\_. (sociability)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_, she has just passed her exam. (lucky)
- 4) He does things \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates. (different)
- 5) Song is a school's star soccer \_\_\_\_\_. (play)
- 6) An \_\_\_\_\_ is a child whose parents are dead. (orphanage)
- 7) She sings \_\_\_\_\_. (beauty)
- 8) Lan is a \_\_\_\_\_ singer. (beauty)
- 9) Miss White works in the library. She is a \_\_\_\_\_. (library)
- 10) My mother enjoys doing \_\_\_\_\_ work. (society)
- 11) Green Summer Campaign is a very popular \_\_\_\_\_ activity. (volunteer)
- 12) The noise from next door is so \_\_\_\_\_. (annoy)
- 13) I \_\_\_\_\_ my tie and walked in. (straight)
- 14) Thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_ gift. (generosity)
- 15) He spends his free time doing \_\_\_\_\_ work at a local orphanage. (volunteer)
- 16) People in my country are very warm and \_\_\_\_\_ (friend)
- 17) L.A Hill is a \_\_\_\_\_ writer. (humor)
- 18) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ sorry for the delay. (extreme)
- 19) She looks more \_\_\_\_\_ than her sister. (beauty)
- 20) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ enough to have a lot of friends. (lucky)
- 21) They enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ summer evening in the countryside. (peace)
- 22) Those cats look \_\_\_\_\_. (love)
- 23) It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to offer to pay for us. (generosity)

**PHẦN GHỊ BÀI**

❖ **VOCABULARY**

1. luck (n) /lʌk/ vận may

➔ lucky (adj) may mắn ≠ unlucky (adj) không may, đen đủi

- luckily (adv) ≠ unluckily (adv)
2. character (n) /'kær.ək.tər/ tính cách
  3. social (a) /'səʊ.ʃəl/ xã hội →sociable (adj) /'səʊ.ʃə.bəl/: cởi mở
  4. extreme (adj) /ɪk'stri:m/ cực kỳ, rất  
→extremely (adv) /ɪk'stri:m.li/ cực kì
  5. kind (adj) /kaɪnd/ tử tế→kindly (adv)
  6. generous (adj) /'dʒen.ər.əs/ rộng lượng  
→generosity (n) sự rộng lượng
  7. free (adj) /fri:/ tự do→freely (adv)
  8. volunteer (n, v) /ˌvɒl.ən'tiər/ nhà tình nguyện/ tình nguyện ⇔ voluntary (adj)
  9. local (adj) /'ləʊ.kəl/ (thuộc) địa phương
  10. orphan (n) /'ɔ:.fən/ trẻ mồ côi →orphanage (n) /'ɔ:.fən.ɪdʒ/ viện mồ côi
  11. hard-working (a) /ˌhɑ:d'wɜ:kɪŋ/ chăm chỉ
  12. unlike (prep) /ʌn'laɪk/ không giống
  13. reserved (adj) /rɪ'zɜ:vɪd/ kín đáo, dè dặt
  14. public (n) /'pʌb.lɪk/ công cộng, công chúng
  15. peace (n) /pi:s/ sự bình yên →peaceful (adj) bình yên →peacefully (adv) một cách bình yên
  16. library (n) /'laɪ.brər.i/ thư viện
  17. outgoing (adj) /ˌaʊt'gəʊ.ɪŋ/ hòa đồng
  18. joke (n) /dʒəʊk/ lời nói đùa, chuyện đùa
  19. humor (n) /'hju:.mə/ sự hài hước →humorous (adj) hài hước  
→sense of humor (n): trí hài hước, óc hài hước
  20. annoy (n) /ə'noɪ/ gây bực mình
  21. although (conj) /ɔ:l'ðəʊ/ mặc dù
  22. close (adj) /kləʊz/ thân thiết
  23. cause (v) /kɔ:z/ gây ra
  24. problem (n) /'prɒb.ləm/ vấn đề khó khăn
  25. affect (v) /ə'fekt/ ảnh hưởng
  26. take up (v) chiếm
  27. laugh at (v) /lɑ:f/ cười chế giễu
  28. tired of (adj) /taɪəd chán  
⇔ tired from (adj) mệt vì
  29. please (v) /pli:z/ làm hài lòng  
→pleasure (n) niềm vui  
→pleased (adj) with : vui lòng, hài lòng với  
→pleasant (adj) dễ chịu
  30. certain (adj) /'sɜ:.tən/ chắc chắn  
→certainly (adv) nhất định, một cách chắc chắn

