MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH TESTS

Paragraph Completion MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 1

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1. Every year, 100 million holiday-makers go to the Mediterranean. With one-third of the world's tourist trade, it is the most popular of all the holiday areas; yet, it is also the most polluted. _____

A) Therefore, the tourist industry here is in great danger.

B) Several European countries have changed their economic policies.

C) The housing problem has increased over the years.

D) However, the great civilizations of the past are no longer tourist attractions.

E) The average tourist prefers guest houses to hotels.

2. Veronica Moss is a small British firm which makes wedding dresses. It is now expanding into European markets. _____ This will only be possible if sufficient, highly skilled workers can be recruited.

A) Then management has the full support of all its workers.

B) Many governments have raised the tax on luxury goods.

C) An advertising campaign has already proved successful.

D) The new designs are well illustrated in the catalogue.

E) However, to be successful, it needs to increase its production.

3. When people are ill they frequently seek medical help. _____ When they feel they are not well, they either go to a quiet place and rest or look for the kind of herbs and plants they feel will do them good.

A) The majority of medicines are not very expensive.

B) Animals, on the other hand, are their own doctors.

C) Unfortunately, it is children who suffer most in this respect.

D) In the case of animals, medical care is even more essential.

E) People suffer from certain incurable diseases.

4. It is surprising how little is known, even today, about memory. This is largely due to the fact that we have no way of watching the memory function. _____ Hopefully, with the advances in high technology, the secrets of the mechanism of the memory will soon be revealed.

A) The harder people try to remember something, the less they are able to remember.

B) When people get older, their memory often fails them.

C) In the past many books were written on medicine.

D) Still, a great deal of research on the subject is being carried out.

E) One way in which animals differ from man is that they have no memory.

5. _____ Many came willingly, to find a better life; some were forced to come, as slaves or to be used as cheap labor; some were driven from their homelands for political reasons and some fled from war.

A) In the past many of the American tribes were at war with each other.

B) The history of the United States is filled with accounts of people who came here from all over the world for several reasons.

C) In the last century Africa was a continent that attracted few people except scientists and explorers.

D) Technological advances in agriculture have changed the face of the earth.

E) Environmental pollution still continues to be a major threat throughout the continent.

6. A well-written essay should be unified; _____ The first requirement for unity is that the main idea should be clear. The second requirement is that there are no unrelated parts.

A) the selection of an interesting subject is therefore of vital importance.

B) even so, essays may vary considerably in length.

C) that is, everything in it should be related to the main idea.

D) in fact most essays are carefully planned.

E) essay competitions have recently become quite popular.

7. In China, the style of decoration of these bowls developed through the years. Early examples had narrow bands of geometric designs _____ Often, those designs included stylized dragons, birds and snakes.

A) while later ones had complex patterns covering the entire vessel.

B) because the Chinese worshipped animals.

C) and they developed their technique in the course of time.

D) although Chinese casting has never been equaled.

E) moreover they are fairly primitive.

8. _____ Until a program is prepared and stored in the computer's memory, the computer "knows" absolutely nothing, not even how to accept or reject data. Even the most sophisticated computer must be told what to do.

A) A computer is similar to a typewriter.

B) A computer can repeat the same operation over and over again forever if permitted.

C) Computers are widely used because they save time.

D) Computers solve problems by means of various mathematical and decision-making operations.

E) Like all machines, a computer needs to be directed and controlled if it is to perform a task successfully.

9. There is something more to bringing up children than feeding them well, housing them healthily and washing them regularly. The emotional development of children depends greatly on the actions of their parents. _____ The adult may need social security but for the child, family security is of even greater importance.

A) Every child imitates his parents.

B) Children need the security of a peaceful family life.

C) Friendship is not an important factor in a child's life.

D) Family life has little effect on a child's social development.

E) However, a child does not learn much from his parents.

10. Getting through a day without being touched by the press would be difficult. We have daily morning and evening newspapers and weekly news magazines. _____ What we eat, what we buy, what we do, what we think is influenced by the press.

A) The power of the press upon us is really enormous.

B) One should not start the day without reading a newspaper.

C) Newspaper sales are less than magazine sales.

D) The effect of the press on the public is not so important as some people think.

E) The number of newspaper readers is decreasing day by day.

11. A green leaf is a factory in which a plant manufactures its own food. _____ In this case the raw materials are water and carbon dioxide, which is obtained from the air. The sun provides the energy.

A) As in all factories, raw materials and energy are essential.

B) This process is called photosynthesis.

C) That is why some leaves are broader than others.

D) Plants take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen.

E) That's why we should keep plants in our homes.

12. Man has been polluting the Earth from the time he lit his first fire and washed his clothes in the river. _____ This is no longer true. The increase in population and the spread of industry have changed all this.

A) Now motorways and super highways have reduced the amount of good farming land.

B) At first, the Earth could handle this problem because there was plenty of space, fresh air and water.

C) Crops have to be treated with chemicals and these are often poisonous.

D) In large cities, cars are responsible for about 80 per cent of the air pollution.

E) There are two main causes of air pollution: fumes from vehicles and chimneys.

13. Napoleon was a very famous general. He also did a great deal to bring law and order back to his country. _____ People remember how he was defeated in the Russian campaign and how he died on the island of St. Helena.

A) The people of France regarded him as a traitor.

B) The importance of the French Revolution is still being discussed.

C) Napoleon's rise to fame was fast.

D) He kept this title of Emperor until his death.

E) But somehow it is his failures that he is known for.

14. Sometimes it's good to get away after a long busy week and relax. As often as I can, I spend a quiet weekend with my aunt who lives on the coast. _____ I always come back rested and ready to work again.

A) Unfortunately she expects me to help her run the hotel.

B) There, the air is clean and it is always quiet and peaceful.

C) So next weekend I shan't be able to go.

D) The house is always crowded and noisy.

E) She is old and cannot live by herself.

15. Smoking can be an expensive habit. _____ Since smoke has a bad smell, smokers often find that their clothes need to be cleaned more frequently, and this too is expensive.

A) In many countries cigarettes are not advertised.

B) It is also hazardous to your health.

C) It can give one a "smoker's cough."

D) The price of cigarettes or tobacco is not the only expense smokers incur.

E) Governments should take steps to prevent smoking in public places.

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