MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH TESTS

Paragraph Completion MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 2

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1. When we were halfway through the valley, I looked at the others; _____ I was very worried, for we still had a long way to walk, and there wasn't more than an hour's daylight left.
A) they all looked as tired as I felt.
B) they were all sitting in the bus.
C) it was still early in the morning.
D) some of us are still eating.
E) next we organized a game of cards.

2. In the Arctic, winters are not so cold as is usually believed. The fairly warm water of the Gulf Stream flows under the ice of the polar seas. This warm water acts like a great radiator: _____
A) over 120 different kinds of plants grow in the Arctic.
B) the ice is several meters thick.
C) the ice flows slowly to the sea where it breaks off into great pieces.
D) sometimes Iceland has less snow than some other northern countries.
E) by giving off a little heat it keeps the weather from becoming too cold.

3. I've just finished reading his latest novel, and I must say I found it rather disappointing. _____ In fact I think I could write a better novel myself!
A) The story was weak and the characters were not at all true to life.
B) It was much better than his earlier novels.
C) He has written ten novels and I have read them all.
D) I think it has received some good reviews.
E) The main character is a delightful person.

4. Bees can fly quite long distances very easily. Moreover, they can fly as fast as ten meters a second. _____ In search of food, bees usually fly out from home for about two miles. Some have been known to return home from as far as ten miles away.
A) The bees go to the place where the hive used to be.
B) What guides the bee when it flies home?
C) Thus a trip of several miles takes only a few minutes.
D) They find their way home because they know all the landmarks around the hive.
E) Several scientists have studied how bees fly home.

5. It was about midday when they came to a small village. They had been driving for over five hours and felt a little tired. _____ It had been converted from a nineteenth-century house. They enjoyed the food and were very pleased with the service.
A) The hotel they stayed in was extremely uncomfortable.
B) The restaurant was very disappointing.
C) The people were very friendly and invited them to their homes.
D) They decided to rest and have lunch at the restaurant by the roadside there.
E) All the passengers on the bus were asleep.

6. At seven o'clock, I suddenly remembered I had promised to have dinner with the Johnsons. I was expected there at 7:30. _____ In other words, I was very short of time. Still, I managed to get there on time.
A) Luckily they only lived across the road from me.
B) The Johnsons are very close friends of mine.
C) I knew it would take me at least an hour to get there.
D) This only gave me half an hour to change my clothes and get there.
E) So I decided not to go by taxi.

7. _____ I got there at 9:15, just 15 minutes early. Half an hour later I was still waiting for him. I began to get worried. Then I saw him coming towards me.
A) Peter prefers to travel by bus.
B) We have decided to go by bus.
C) Buses leave from the centre of town every 15 minutes.
D) Peter and I had agreed to meet at the bus stop.
E) My father got to the bus stop first.

8. Stealing from shops has become quite a common problem. More and more measures are being taken to prevent it. _____ There are televisions too, to "keep an eye on" people. But in spite of all these precautions, stealing is on the increase.
A) Most thieves are soon caught by the police.
B) People can no longer afford all they want.
C) Many people from other countries go to London for shopping.
D) People don't steal from a small shop.
E) Usually all big stores employ plainclothes detectives.

9. Jane and Tim were married last year. _____ Then they found a small house for themselves. They moved in two months ago and are very happy.
A) Jane works in my office.
B) I often see them on Fridays.
C) For six months they lived with Tim's parents.
D) Tim has a good job in a bank.
E) We haven't seen them since they married.

10. We call such things as earthquakes and floods "natural disasters." If these were predictable, the damage they cause could be much reduced. As it is, some remote area is often hit. _____ And relief, when it comes, often comes too late.
A) It then takes days to get adequate help out.
B) Last year there was an earthquake in the East.
C) Blood was urgently needed.
D) People usually give very generously in such emergencies.
E) Many foreign countries also send aid.

11. Almost all the people we knew well and liked used to go to the Moonlight Restaurant. We went there nearly every night, too. There were other similar places around, but we did not go to them. _____
A) I took my wife to one of them the other night.
B) I know she is very fond of strawberries with ice cream.
C) In fact all the restaurants are very expensive.
D) This was largely because we did not like the people who went to them.
E) We always liked the food they served.

12. Jane held the string of the balloon tightly. She was smiling very happily, but her mother was not quite so happy _____; and then, there would be tears.
A) if she thought her daughter was being silly
B) as it hadn't cost much
C) although she had wanted a blue balloon
D) before she was frightened of balloons
E) because she knew the balloon would burst before long

13. I don't know how long I had been asleep, but when I woke up, the telephone was ringing. _____ I got out of bed and felt my way through the darkness to the telephone. After I had finished on the telephone, I was completely awake and didn't want to sleep any more.
A) As I had a headache, I couldn't sleep well.
B) I had just got home from an evening out.
C) It seemed to have been ringing for a long, long time.
D) The people upstairs had invited me to their home.
E) It has never been my habit to stay up late.

14. Paul saw the ball not far off. He ran up to it and, turning, kicked it. But the grass was wet, and he couldn't kick it cleanly. _____ Everyone in the other team was happy, but his own team was very sad.
A) Obviously, this was the first match of the season.
B) Yet he was very pleased with himself.
C) In fact, the ball was very muddy.
D) So the ball went straight into his own goal.
E) Then the referee blew his whistle.

15. My brother Martin is interested in photography. Wherever he goes he takes his camera with him. _____ Moreover, I read a lot about paintings and painters, and I also go to art exhibitions.
A) As for me, I am fond of painting.
B) He intends to study art at university.
C) Recently he has bought a new camera.
D) Some of his photographs have won prizes.
E) I don't have a camera of my own.

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