ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice Questions Exercise 4

21 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
https://englishtestsonline.com/reading-comprehension-multiple-choice-questions-exercise-4/

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 21

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, available solely before the first question. Remember, referring back to the reading text while answering the questions may be helpful to ensure accuracy.)

When we arrived at the little hotel, the first thing we did was to check if it was clean. We were particularly interested in the kitchen, which was at the back of the building. There, we saw large, open shelves filled with pots, pans, and plates. These were clean, but the floors were very dirty. We also noticed that the food was not kept covered, and there were a lot of flies about. Therefore, we decided not to stay in that hotel.

1. **This hotel _____.**
   A) is not properly taken care of
   B) attracts a lot of visitors
   C) serves excellent food
   D) has a most interesting kitchen
   E) was just the place we were looking for

2. **When we saw the kitchen, _____.**
   A) it had just been cleaned
   B) we were very pleased with the food
   C) everything seemed to be in order
   D) we were impressed by the variety of pots and pans
   E) we knew this wasn't the right place to stay

3. **The kitchen _____.**
   A) wasn't clean enough
   B) was in a separate building
   C) had a bad smell
   D) looked neat and tidy
   E) was dirty except for the floors

4. It was a fine Sunday in April. David and his sister, who were going to the zoo, crossed the main road and joined the queue at the bus stop. There were a lot of empty buses waiting by the side of the road. The drivers were standing about in groups, talking and smoking. In the nearby park, young mothers were with their children. There was someone selling balloons, and someone else was selling small cakes.

   In the passage, we are given _____.
   A) an account of the animals in the zoo
   B) the reasons for the drivers' strike
   C) a description of a street on a Sunday
   D) a full description of the park near the bus stop
   E) some advice on how to spend our Sundays

5. **David _____.**
   A) is taking his sister to the zoo
   B) would rather spend the afternoon in the park
   C) is going to buy a balloon for his sister
   D) wondered why the buses were empty
   E) wished his mother had also come along with them

6. **When David and his sister got to the bus stop, _____.**
   A) they decided to play with the other children
   B) there were no buses in sight
   C) they began to talk to the drivers
   D) there were a lot of people waiting for the bus
   E) they bought some cake

7. Fifty years ago, when I was a child, photographs were not of general interest. Photographs were taken of people on special occasions, such as weddings and birthdays. These pictures were usually kept in a box and brought out at intervals to show the family. Nowadays, photography is regarded as an art. Many photographic exhibitions are held, and there are many magazines dealing with the art of photography.

   During recent years, _____.
   A) photography has become a popular form of art
   B) a lot of people have taken photographs of good paintings
   C) photography has stopped being an art
   D) photographic exhibitions are often advertised in magazines
   E) more and more people take photographs at weddings

8. **The passage compares _____.**
   A) public interest in painting today and fifty years ago
   B) photographic exhibitions and painting exhibitions
   C) wedding photographs and birthday photographs
   D) photography today and photography fifty years ago
   E) family photographs of today and fifty years ago

9. **When the writer was young, _____.**
   A) he was very interested in photography
   B) people didn't think of photography as an art
   C) he always took photographs on his birthday
   D) people used to go to photographic exhibitions
   E) he took a lot of family photographs

10. From the end of the corridor, I could hear them arguing. Liz said it was the best film she had seen on television for over a year. Dick said it was dreadful. He said the story was poor and the acting was terrible. Liz said he couldn't recognise a good film when he saw one. "What film are you talking about?" I asked as I came into the room. "The film shown last Friday," said Liz. "The film shown last Thursday," said Dick. They looked at each other, and we all laughed.

Liz _____.
A) hasn't watched a film for over a year
B) enjoyed the film she saw on Friday evening
C) enjoyed the film even less than Dick
D) said the story was very poor
E) and I both enjoyed the film

11. At the end of the passage, we understand that _____.
A) Dick actually enjoyed the film very much
B) there are never any good films on television
C) Liz and Dick were talking about different films
D) Liz and Dick don't like the same films
E) Dick didn't want to agree with Liz

12. Liz and Dick were arguing about _____.
A) a television film they had seen the previous week
B) the film they had just watched
C) whether they should watch the film that evening
D) which film they should watch
E) whether they had seen the film on Thursday or Friday

13. There was no other building in sight. The trees that grew along the river completely hid the two other houses that shared the valley. Looking from the kitchen window, Mary gave a long sigh of contentment. She knew she would be happy here, much happier than she had ever been in the city.

Mary is quite sure that _____.
A) the view from her kitchen is spoiled by the two other houses
B) she will enjoy living in the valley
C) her neighbours will dislike her
D) new houses will be built along the river
E) she will soon miss the life of the city

14. The valley Mary is looking at _____.
A) is very near the city
B) overlooks a river
C) hasn't been lived in for a long time
D) is a very pleasant one
E) is completely deserted

15. The passage is not about _____.
A) the hardships of life in the city
B) Mary and her new home
C) Mary's happy life in the valley
D) Mary's escape from the city
E) the peace and beauty of the valley

16. By the end of her first day at work, Janet was terribly tired. She was also very happy, for she knew she had made a good beginning. Mr Taylor was clearly very pleased with the way she had answered his telephone and looked after his visitors. He had also praised her typing. "Tomorrow," she thought happily, "it will be much easier."

From the passage, we understand that Janet _____.
A) hates her new job
B) is going to look for a new job
C) works as a nurse
D) is married to a businessman
E) is a secretary

17. Mr Taylor _____.
A) is afraid Janet will leave him soon
B) has known Janet for a long time
C) is a difficult man to work for
D) is fully satisfied with Janet
E) has not given Janet much work to do

18. The passage describes _____.
A) Janet's first day at work
B) why Janet is not pleased with her work
C) what kind of man Mr Taylor is
D) how Janet was given her job
E) Janet's plans for the future

19. Dr Maine advertised for someone to work as a receptionist at his dental clinic. He wanted someone who was cheerful and attractive, and also willing to work on Saturdays. Several people applied for the job, but except for Jenny, none were suitable. Jenny, however, was just what he wanted.

Dr Maine _____.
A) is obviously a very rich man
B) doesn't get on well with people
C) knew what sort of person he needed for his clinic
D) works only on Saturday mornings
E) is himself a cheerful and attractive person

20. Which of the following is a suitable TITLE for this passage?
A) Training to be a Dentist
B) Dr Maine and Others
C) The Right Receptionist
D) Working Hours
E) Advertisements

21. Dr Maine felt sure that _____.
A) nobody would want to work on Saturday
B) Jenny would be a good dentist
C) Jenny wouldn't agree to work for him
D) Jenny was the right person for the job
E) all of those who applied would be suitable