ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice Questions Exercise 6

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## Explanations

**1. Meteors that hit the Earth ____.**
✓ **A) are known as meteorites**
The passage says that when large pieces reach the surface of the Earth, they **are then called meteorites**. Not **are called falling stars**, because that name is for meteors we see as streaks of light in the sky.

**2. The Earth's atmosphere ____.**
✓ **C) and the friction it causes prevent many meteors from becoming meteorites**
The passage says **the friction between these rocks and the atmosphere** makes most meteors **burn up before they reach the surface**, so they never become meteorites. Not **prevents most meteors from falling into the Earth's gravitational pull**, because the passage says they do fall into it.

**3. Meteors are ____.**
✓ **B) rocks that travel through space**
The passage says meteors **travel through space** and calls them **these rocks**. Not **huge stars**, because they are only called **falling stars** because they look like streaks of light.

**4. The Olduvai Gorge is ____.**
✓ **C) an area famous for its archaeological value**
The passage calls the gorge one of the most famous **fossil sites** and one of the major **archaeological excavation sites** in the world, and it talks about its **archaeological value**. Not **the place where Dr Louis Leakey and his family have settled**, because the passage says they **began working** there in 1931, not that they live there.

**5. According to the passage, ____.**
✓ **D) the gorge had been the site of a river that flowed into a lake**
The passage says **the gorge was carved out by a river that flowed into a lake**, so a river once ran there. The other options add things the passage never says, for example a burial ground or a volcano full of fossils.

**6. The importance of this site ____.**
✓ **C) comes from the finding of early Hominoidea**
The passage says **its archaeological value comes from the fact that over fifty Hominoidea remains have been found here**. So the site is important because of these early human-like remains. Not **was established by Dr Leakey**, because he only worked there; he did not make the site important.

**7. The majority of the bat population ____.**
✓ **C) feed on a diet of insects**
The passage says **Most bats feed on a diet of insects**; **the majority** means the same as **most**. Not **are vampires** or **are dangerous to man**, because only the vampire bats are considered dangerous.

**8. According to the passage, the bat is misunderstood because ____.**
✓ **C) its value as a natural enemy of insects is not generally known**
The passage says most bats are **helpers of nature** because they eat insects, yet the **misunderstood bat** stands for fear and terror in the West. People are afraid of it because they don't know how useful it is. Not **it is capable of transmitting rabies**, because only vampire bats can do that.

**9. The insect population of the world ____.**
✓ **E) is kept at normal levels in certain areas because bats eat insects**
The passage says the bats' diet **helps control the insect population in various areas of the world**. So in some areas, bats keep insect numbers normal. Not **is eaten by vampire bats**, because vampire bats drink blood.

**10. A good TITLE for this passage is ____.**
✓ **C) IBM: Yesterday and Today**
The passage tells the history of IBM, from 1924 to 1981, and then describes its situation **now**. So **IBM: Yesterday and Today** covers the whole text. Not **The First Computer** or **Financial Difficulties**, because each is only one small part of the passage.

**11. IBM's first personal computer ____.**
✓ **D) was produced after other types of computers had been marketed**
The passage says **Many other forms of the computer were produced, and in 1981, this firm marketed its first personal computer**. So the PC came after other computers. Not **was manufactured for scientists**, because that was the first computer, made in the 1950s.

**12. IBM ____.**
✓ **D) has been around since at least 1924**
The passage begins **In 1924, Thomas Watson Sr. changed the name of his company to International Business Machines**, so the company already existed in 1924. Not **was the first company to produce personal computers**, because the passage only says IBM marketed **its** first PC in 1981. Not **went bankrupt**, because the text says it is in financial difficulty, not bankrupt.

**13.** Sumo wrestling is an extremely popular sport in Japan. The Sumo champions are exceptionally large men who are not only tall but also weigh 130 kilograms or more. The reason these wrestlers are so big is that the object of the game is for one wrestler to either throw his opponent out of the ring or force him to the ground. The larger a wrestler is, the greater his chances of winning a match. These matches are usually very short, most lasting less than one minute.

**Sumo wrestlers are extremely large _____.**
**✓ A) because they must use their bodies against their opponents**
The passage explains that a wrestler must **throw his opponent out of the ring or force him to the ground**, and **the larger a wrestler is, the greater his chances of winning**. So they need their big bodies against their opponents. Not **due to their great strength**, because the passage talks about size, not strength.

**14. The length of these matches _____.**
**✓ D) generally lasts under a minute**
The passage says the matches are **very short, most lasting less than one minute**. **Generally lasts under a minute** means the same thing.

**15. To win the match, _____.**
**✓ E) one wrestler must throw the other out of the ring or force him to the ground**
The passage says **the object of the game is for one wrestler to either throw his opponent out of the ring or force him to the ground**. Not **the larger wrestler's weight must be more than 130 kilos**, because weight only increases a wrestler's chances; it does not decide the match.

**16.** Although all spiders kill their prey by injecting them with venom, only a few are dangerous enough to cause people or large animals any harm. The venom of the spider is injected by way of the pair of powerful fangs it possesses. This venom is injected into its prey and for most insects and sometimes small animals, it is fatal. The most dangerous spiders are the black widow spiders. The European black widow can cause serious illness in a human victim, whereas the North American black widow is known to have caused the death of people on several occasions.

**Most spiders _____.**
**✓ B) inject poison with their fangs**
The passage says **all spiders kill their prey by injecting them with venom**, which is injected by way of their **powerful fangs**. Not **can cause the death of people**, because **only a few** spiders are dangerous to people.

**17. The venom of the spider _____.**

**✓ C) is deadly to most insects and small animals**
The passage says that **for most insects and sometimes small animals, it is fatal**; **fatal** means the same as **deadly**. Not **will kill any animal**, because only a few spiders can harm people or large animals.

**18. The black widow spiders _____.**
**✓ D) have a much stronger poison in their venom than other types of spiders**
The passage calls black widows **the most dangerous spiders**, so their poison is stronger than that of other spiders. Not **are only dangerous when they are found in Europe**, because the North American black widow has even killed people.

**19. Hitler _____.**
**✓ B) was in power when the 1936 Olympic Games were held**
The passage says the 1936 Olympic Games took place in **the Germany of Hitler**, so Hitler was in power when the Games were held. Not **did not believe that his athletes could win the races**: the passage says the opposite. Hitler believed that no race was superior to the Germans.

**20. Jesse Owens _____.**
**✓ A) was brought up in poverty**
The passage says he was **the son of a poor black family**, so he grew up in **poverty** (being poor). Not **first competed in the Olympic Games**, because he first competed in school and in a national competition in college.

**21. According to the passage, _____.**
**✓ C) Jesse was one of the world's most popular athletes**
The last sentence says Jesse **became one of the most popular athletes in the world**. Not **Jesse is the only man to have set four world records**, because the passage says he set four records but never says nobody else has.

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