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(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.)

The first confirmation of the existence of an ice continent at the South Pole was made by the Bellingshausen expedition in 1820. This expedition was conducted for Imperial Russia. In 1959, the Antarctic Treaty was signed by 12 nations. This treaty protects the continent from territorial claims by any country and maintains it as a continent set aside for scientific studies. This natural laboratory has many research bases on it, established by various countries around the world. Most of these work together to gather information for scientific study.

1. **Antarctica is used _____.**
   A) by the Russians
   B) as a military base
   C) by various countries of the world for their own use
   D) as a natural laboratory for scientific studies
   E) to establish territorial claims

2. **The Antarctic continent was _____.**
   A) first discovered in 1820
   B) protected from scientists
   C) a possession of Imperial Russia
   D) a part of the Bellingshausen expedition
   E) owned by the Russians

3. **The Antarctic Treaty _____.**
   A) protects the continent from further expeditions
   B) was signed at the North Pole
   C) was prepared by the Bellingshausen expedition
   D) was signed in 1820
   E) protects it from any country that might want to claim it as their own

4. The child followed his grandmother into the garden. As they walked slowly towards the little building at the back, the child heard strange noises and suddenly stopped. The grandmother turned and laughed warmly at her grandson's frightened expression. He had never been this close to animals before and was too young to recognise the sounds he heard. She handed him the bowl she had been carrying in her hand and picked him up. In the safety of her arms, he relaxed and together, they entered the coop to feed the chickens.

   The child was frightened of _____.
   A) the building at the back of the garden
   B) the animal noises from the coop
   C) the chickens
   D) his grandmother's laughter
   E) the bowl in his grandmother's hand

5. **The grandmother picked up her grandson _____.**
   A) so that she could walk quicker
   B) to reassure him
   C) so he would not run away
   D) because he could no longer walk
   E) to show him the coop

6. **They were going _____.**
   A) to feed the chickens
   B) to relax in the garden
   C) to take some exercise
   D) to see what the noise was about
   E) to get the bowl

7. One of the most magnificent tourist sights in the Black Sea region of Turkey is the Sumela Monastery. The white walls of the monastery stand out sharply against the one-thousand-foot cliff from which it was carved. It is a seven-storey complex that was carved into the cliff walls. Monks had lived in the caves of this cliff for hundreds of years before the monastery reached its final form. It was abandoned in 1923 and left to decay for decades.

   The Sumela Monastery is unique because _____.
   A) it has 7 storeys
   B) it has 7 different tales told of its origin
   C) it is located in the Black Sea
   D) it is one thousand feet tall
   E) it was not built on the cliff but in it

8. It has decayed because _____.
A) no one has resided there for many years
B) the monks destroyed it
C) the caves are not as good as they were
D) tourists don't want to see it
E) it is situated in an unusual place

9. The monks _____.
A) used to hide in its 7 floors
B) lived in its caves
C) preferred the cliffs
D) did not want to climb the cliffs
E) built it on top of the cliff

10. After finishing school, they secured jobs at a medical school hospital with which their university was affiliated. The four years of intense training they had undergone made them suitable for positions not often given to new graduates. After a brief in-service programme, they were assigned to their wards and began working with patients who had undergone major surgery. The new group of nurses proved to be excellent professionals. At the same time, they were able to maintain the close bonds of friendship that had developed among them before graduation.

The new nurses were trained _____.
A) in the hospital for four years
B) for four years in an intensive university programme
C) for major surgery
D) to be professionals and to maintain their bonds
E) by the medical school

11. Their training _____.
A) was better than that of other students
B) taught them to care about each other
C) took place in an affiliated school
D) was in their service position
E) was not usually given to new graduates

12. The best TITLE for this passage is _____.
A) Training of Nurses
B) Graduation and the Nurse
C) What They Did After School
D) The New Professionals
E) A Job in the Hospital

13. Algae are a group of organisms that include some of the largest and smallest life forms known. Most algae are made of one cell and can only be seen under a microscope. Other types can grow over forty metres long. An example that is known to most people is brown seaweed. One of the most important groups of algae is plankton. Many sea animals form their diet from this organism, and the natural balance of sea life would be greatly disturbed without it.

Algae _____.
A) are only seen under a microscope
B) have many important uses
C) include some of the largest and smallest forms of life
D) are an example of seaweed
E) are eaten by fish in order to maintain a balance in nature

14. Plankton is _____.
A) the largest type of algae
B) known to most people
C) an important food for many sea animals
D) a form of sea life balance
E) a form of disturbance to sea life

15. Without algae, _____.
A) many plants would not exist
B) a microscope would not be necessary
C) seaweed could have better colouring
D) all fish would starve
E) the balance of sea life would be greatly disturbed

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