MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH TESTS

Reading Comprehension MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 02

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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.)

A popular method of treating frozen fingers and toes in very cold, even freezing weather is to slowly rewarm them or rub them with snow. The best treatment, however, is not slow rewarming but rapid rewarming. Putting the frozen fingers or toes in a warm bath or using a hot water bottle are both good ways to treat them. Hot drinks to warm the body from within are also helpful. One must be careful about burning the skin, however. The temperature of any heat applied should not be greater than 43°C.

1. **The main concern of the passage is _____.**
   A) why frozen fingers and toes should be slowly rewarmed
   B) how to keep adequately warm in the winter
   C) how to treat fingers and toes that have been frozen
   D) the dangers of freezing weather for the body
   E) why one should have plenty of hot drinks in winter

2. **It is pointed out in the passage that _____.**
   A) the use of hot water bottles to rewarm the body is not advisable
   B) one should try to rewarm frozen fingers and toes fairly rapidly
   C) in rewarming the body the higher the temperature the better the result is
   D) people should be warned not to go out in freezingly cold weather
   E) one should take a bath as often as possible in winter

3. **The author warns that _____.**
   A) the minimum temperature required is 43°C
   B) in rewarming the body, care must be taken not to burn the skin
   C) one should never rub frozen fingers and toes with snow
   D) hot drinks must not be taken in immediately
   E) recovery cannot be as rapid as one would expect

4. Bicycling in America has been growing at an amazing rate. Bicycles used to be sold to parents for their children. Now those same parents are buying them for themselves, as well as for their children. And grandparents are cycling, too. Moreover, people don't simply cycle for fun and for exercise. Many young executives ride bikes to work as an alternative to adding to the pollution of cities, and to fighting traffic jams, while college and high school students find bikes an economical alternative to cars or buses.

   In the passage, it is emphasized that in America, _____.
   A) more and more people of all ages are now using bicycles
   B) few college students can afford to run a car
   C) no executive feels he can cycle to work
   D) most parents feel it is dangerous for children to cycle to school
   E) a great many traffic jams are being caused by cyclists

5. **Cycling is also a hobby that _____.**
   A) attracts fewer and fewer people
   B) is getting increasingly more expensive
   C) only appeals to the young
   D) has a high accident rate
   E) the whole family can enjoy

6. **From the passage, we can infer that _____.**
   A) different people have different reasons for preferring bicycles to a car
   B) most Americans can no longer afford to run a car
   C) young children should not be allowed to cycle on main roads
   D) a lot of parents are borrowing their children's bicycles
   E) cycling is fun in the country but not in a city

On the day of my first piano recital, I became more and more nervous. To help me calm down, my piano teacher told me to place several cabbages in the room where I practised. I was so eager to get over my nerves that I was willing to try anything. For the next few hours, I played to an audience of cabbages. When the time of the recital finally arrived, I was still terribly nervous. My hands felt like ice. When I finally walked across the stage, I looked out into the dark audience. I could not see anyone! All those people out there could just as easily have been cabbages. As I sat down to play, my hands relaxed. Before I knew it, I had played all my pieces without a mistake. For the first time, the cabbage heads applauded.

7. On the day of the recital, the music teacher _____.

A) advised the writer to put cabbages in the room where he practised and play for them
B) warned the writer not to look at the audience
C) had no patience with the writer because he was nervous too
D) felt nearly as nervous about the recital as the writer did
E) couldn't think of a way of helping the writer to stay calm

8. The writer stopped feeling nervous _____.

A) because he had practised a great deal
B) when the audience began to applaud
C) before he walked onto the stage
D) as soon as the concert was over
E) when he found he couldn't see the audience

9. In the passage, it is explained that _____.

A) the writer was always nervous on the day of a concert
B) the writer played to some cabbages because there was no real audience
C) the writer finally began to relax just before he began his recital
D) the room was so cold the writer's hands felt like ice
E) the writer always practised in a room where there were cabbages

Mountaineering has this advantage over most other sports: enjoyment depends very little indeed on natural ability or technical skill; it is a sport without winners and without losers. By all means, study the technique of climbing if it interests you. But, believe me, provided you go to really good mountain country, it doesn't much matter how you climb or what you climb. There are three things that matter: look up frequently to see the way ahead, don't leave the holds you have until you have tested new ones, and do all you can to help those climbing with you.

10. As pointed out in the passage, mountaineering is a sport _____.

A) in which nobody wins and nobody loses
B) that is not suitable for the old
C) in which technique is not easy to learn
D) which can be enjoyed anywhere in the country
E) that most people are interested in

11. When climbing one must _____.

A) always follow the good climbers
B) be careful to check that new holds are safe before leaving old ones
C) always keep to known routes
D) never look back
E) try to develop one's natural abilities

12. The passage emphasizes the fact that _____.

A) the techniques of climbing are of great importance
B) there is actually not much really good climbing country
C) climbing is not a team sport
D) one climber should always help another
E) few people really enjoy climbing

13. The desires of a child were naturally rather limited in the Victorian era. Toys were simple and comparatively few. There were no bicycles or mechanical models; the average child "made his own fun" from very cheap materials. Really the only shop the child dreamed of entering for his own purposes was the sweetshop. Nowadays, a bewildering variety of toys, magazines and entertainment in a multitude of shops compete for his interest and money; and the boredom of having everything ready-made leads to a constant desire for something new.

It is suggested in the passage that the modern child _____.

A) wishes he had been born in the Victorian era
B) suffers from boredom in spite of all the toys
C) develops his abilities by playing with toys
D) is well able to amuse himself
E) is allowed to eat too much

14. The passage implies that _____.

A) mechanical toys are essential to a child's happiness
B) a child should not be left to "make his own fun"
C) home-made toys give more pleasure than ready-made ones
D) there was a constant desire for something new
E) simple toys slow down a child's development

15. The passage emphasizes _____.

A) that a child should have money to spend on toys
B) the importance, in childhood, of a large choice of toys
C) how lucky the modern child is
D) that sweets are not good for the health
E) the difference between a Victorian childhood and a present-day one

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