MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH TESTS

Reading Comprehension MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 04

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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.)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's world was a world of music from the moment he was born. His father, who was a fine musician, was teaching his daughter to play the piano. Little Wolfgang used to listen to his sister as she practised. He quickly learned the pieces she played. One day he said he wanted to play too. But he was only three years old then, and his father thought that his hands were too small. However, that evening, alone and in the dark, he played the pieces his sister had been practising and he played them much better than her.

1. **While his sister was practising, Mozart _____.**
   A) usually made a lot of noise
   B) used to play by himself
   C) used to feel very bored
   D) and his father talked about music
   E) learned how to play the piano

2. **Mozart's father didn't believe that _____.**
   A) his daughter practised often enough
   B) a child of three could possibly play the piano
   C) his children would ever learn to play well
   D) music could be regarded as a profession
   E) children could understand music well

3. **As a child, Mozart _____.**
   A) was hated by his father
   B) was taught by his sister to play the piano
   C) rarely listened to any music
   D) had a great talent for music
   E) used to play for his sister

4. The voyage began well in calm, clear weather. As usual, the ship was crowded; most of the passengers were tourists who, after their holiday in Turkey, were now returning home. There was a great deal of fun and entertainment on board the ship. People were eating, dancing, singing and enjoying themselves. But after the sunset, the weather began to change, and the sea got rougher and rougher. Soon nearly everyone was feeling ill.

   Most of the passengers on board the ship _____.
   A) didn't want to return home
   B) hated the food they were served
   C) were ill from the very start of the voyage
   D) knew the weather would turn so bad in the evening
   E) enjoyed themselves by singing and dancing at first

5. **The passage is about _____.**
   A) holidays by the sea
   B) a voyage spoiled by bad weather
   C) the dangers of a sea voyage
   D) a quiet, pleasant trip by sea
   E) tourists in Turkey

6. **At the start of the voyage, _____.**
   A) everyone was feeling happy
   B) a lot of people were already seasick
   C) everyone was looking forward to the holiday in Turkey
   D) the weather was cool and windy
   E) most of the tourists were complaining about the weather

7. Elephants are not really very savage animals, but occasionally they can be in a very bad temper. Their most dangerous habit at such moments is to pick up, with their trunk, a large stick or stone, and throw it with great force at someone standing nearby. When this happens the only thing anyone can do is to jump quickly out of the way.

   When an elephant is in a bad temper, _____.
   A) it may try to hurt someone
   B) it moves its trunk from side to side
   C) one shouldn't throw stones at it
   D) one should keep perfectly still
   E) it never shows it

8. The worst thing an elephant does is to _____.
- **A)** attack other savage animals
- **B)** destroy everything nearby
- **C)** hit people with its trunk
- **D)** move dangerously fast
- **E)** throw things at anyone close to it

9. It is not very often that _____.
- **A)** anyone can get close to an elephant
- **B)** an elephant behaves in a savage manner
- **C)** one can jump out of the way of an elephant
- **D)** an elephant picks something up with his trunk
- **E)** an elephant is frightened

10. It was a misty morning, and there was a soft rain falling. There were only a few leaves left on the trees, but on the ground was a thick carpet of brown and yellow leaves. This was the time of year the old gardener loved best. Since he was too old to work, he used to spend his days by the window, looking out on the garden. It was no longer what it had been under his care, but still, it was lovely.

It is obvious that _____.
- **A)** no one cared any longer for the old gardener
- **B)** the old gardener disliked staying indoors
- **C)** the old gardener was as fond of his garden as ever
- **D)** it always rained heavily there in the spring
- **E)** the old gardener was no longer interested in gardening

11. The passage gives a description of _____.
- **A)** the old gardener's dislike of rain
- **B)** the old gardener's house
- **C)** the change of the seasons
- **D)** a wet morning in autumn
- **E)** the weather in winter

12. The garden had looked much nicer _____.
- **A)** when he first began to work in it
- **B)** during the summer months
- **C)** before the winter had come
- **D)** from the other window
- **E)** when the old man had been looking after it

13. This was the first time Mary was going to fly. It wasn't going to be a long flight; in fact, she would be in the air for just under an hour. She arrived at the airport an hour before the plane was expected to take off. She was very excited, yet a little nervous. However, it was announced before long that her flight was going to be delayed for two hours. Suddenly, she felt very disappointed and didn't know what to do while she waited.

Mary's flight _____.
- **A)** left an hour early
- **B)** was delayed for two hours
- **C)** suddenly had to be cancelled
- **D)** was enjoyable from the beginning to the end
- **E)** was over far too quickly

14. On arrival at the airport, Mary _____.
- **A)** was calm and confident
- **B)** expected the plane to take off in an hour
- **C)** had to hurry to catch the plane
- **D)** found out that her plane would take off in less than an hour
- **E)** didn't know how long the flight would take

15. It was obvious from the passage that Mary _____.
- **A)** was pleased the flight had been postponed
- **B)** was used to travelling by air
- **C)** nearly missed her plane
- **D)** was afraid her flight would last for hours
- **E)** began her first flight with a disappointment

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