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Explanations

1. **The little bird _____.**
✓ E) fascinated Bobby greatly
Bobby, who **never keeps still**, stood without moving because he was watching the bird. So the bird **fascinated** him (held his attention). Not **was too tired**: the passage says it was **too small to fly**.

2. **Bobby _____.**
✓ D) is usually a very active child
The first sentence says **Bobby never keeps still**, so he is usually a very **active** child. Nothing in the passage says he disliked his aunt or called her.

3. **When the aunt saw the little bird, _____.**
✓ A) she understood why Bobby had kept so still
The aunt knew **something unusual was happening** because Bobby wasn't moving. When she saw the bird, she **understood why** he had kept so still: he was watching it.

4. When we arrived at the little hotel, the first thing we did was to see if it was clean. We were particularly interested in the kitchen, which was in 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. So, we decided not to stay in that hotel.

This hotel _____.
✓ A) is not properly taken care of
The floors were **very dirty**, the food was **not kept covered** and there were **a lot of flies**. So the hotel is **not properly taken care of**. Not **has a most interesting kitchen**: the writers looked at the kitchen to check how clean it was.

5. **When we saw the kitchen, _____.**
✓ E) we knew this wasn’t the right place to stay
After seeing the dirty kitchen, the writer says **we decided not to stay in that hotel**. So they knew it **wasn't the right place to stay**.

6. **The kitchen _____.**
✓ A) wasn’t clean enough
The pots and plates were clean, but **the floors were very dirty** and the food was uncovered, so the kitchen **wasn't clean enough**. Not **was dirty except for the floors**: the floors were the dirty part.

7. 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 park nearby, young mothers were with their children. There was someone selling balloons and someone else selling small cakes.

In the passage, we are given _____.
✓ C) a description of a street one Sunday
The passage describes a scene on **a fine Sunday in April**: the road, the bus stop, the empty buses and the people in the park. It is **a description of a street one Sunday**. Not **the reasons for the drivers' strike**: a strike is never mentioned.

8. **David _____.**
✓ A) is taking his sister to the zoo
The passage says **David and his sister, who were going to the zoo**, so David is **taking his sister to the zoo**. Balloons and the park are only part of the scene, not his plans.

9. **When David and his sister got to the bus stop, _____.**
✓ D) there were a lot of people waiting for the bus
They **joined the queue at the bus stop**. A **queue** means a line of people waiting, so **there were a lot of people waiting for the bus**. Not **there were no buses in sight**: there were **a lot of empty buses**.

10. Fifty years ago, when I was a child, photographs were not of general interest. Photographs were taken of people on special occasions, at weddings and on birthdays, for instance. 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
The passage says **Nowadays photography is regarded as an art**, and there are many exhibitions and magazines about it. So photography has become a **popular form of art**. Not **exhibitions are often advertised in magazines**: the passage doesn't say this.

11. The passage compares _____.
✓ D) photography today and photography fifty years ago
The writer describes photography **fifty years ago** (only for special occasions) and **nowadays** (an art with exhibitions and magazines). So the passage compares **photography today and photography fifty years ago**. Not **family photographs**: the passage doesn't describe family photos today.

12. When the writer was young, _____.
✓ B) people didn’t think of photography as an art
When the writer was a child, **photographs were not of general interest** and were taken only on special occasions. Photography became an art only later (**Nowadays**), so back then people **didn't think of photography as an art**.

13. 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 terrible. Liz said he couldn’t recognize a good film when he saw one. “What film are you talking about?” I asked as I came into the room. “The film was shown last Friday,” said Liz. “The film was shown last Thursday,” said Dick. They looked at each other and we all laughed.

Liz _____.
✓ B) enjoyed the film she saw on Friday evening
Liz said it was **the best film she had seen on television for over a year**, and she says **The film was shown last Friday**. So she enjoyed the film she saw on Friday. Not **said the story was very poor**: that was Dick.

14. At the end of the passage, we understand that _____.
✓ C) Liz and Dick were talking about different films
Liz says the film was on **Friday** and Dick says **Thursday**. They realise they were talking about **different films**, so they all laugh. Not **don't like the same films**: they were never talking about the same film.

15. Liz and Dick were arguing about _____.
✓ A) a television film they had seen the previous week
They were arguing about a film shown on television **last Friday** (or **last Thursday**), so it was a **television film** from the **previous week**. Not **whether they had seen the film on Thursday or Friday**: they only discovered the different days at the end.

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